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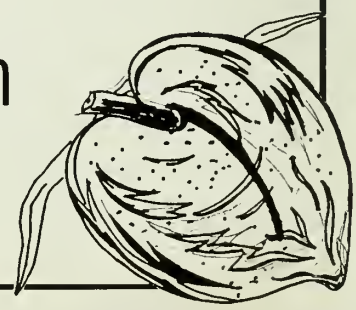

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We begin the body of this issue with an interminable interview of Kate Bornstein and David Harrison by Nancy Nangeroni and Mariette Allen. It goes on and on for page after page. And, since it's filled with pictures, each of which is worth another thousand words, there might be whole magazine's-worth of words in that one article. That's alright. Read it. Look at her. Look at him. Look at them. They continue to ask the questions that must be asked in order to live their lives. Read *Gender Outlaw* when it comes out. It's right up there with *Stone Butch Blues*. Yes, you can make some horrific mistakes when you risk doing what seems to need to be done, but you won't do any of the good things either if you don't get up and give it a shot.

That's what ties this issue together, people telling about getting out and doing it, how long it took them to do it, what kept them from doing it, what they were afraid of. My fear was that sooner or later somebody would catch me being myself. Then, the world would collapse. That's what kept me from going to Fantasia Fair until six years ago, although Ari Kane and I go back to an FPE chapter in the early '70s, before Cherrystone, before Outreach Institute, before FanFair was even a twinkle in her eye. Now, it's a lot easier for others to see me. I am not spending as much energy trying to be invisible as I used to.

But it's really about telling the truth. And being true to ourselves and to each other. Genita and Lauren are true to each other, and it has cost them parts of their family. Phyllis Frye and her spouse Trish were true to each other and Phyllis has been true to herself. It has cost them both a lot over the years, and now her integrity demands that she confront the marchers at Stonewall 25 about exclusion. Tere Frederickson, Kristine Holt and others use some of the same process to wind up somewhere else. You do yours and act accordingly.

Lee Reynolds comes out to his daughters when they show her how silly it is to pretend. Susan C. says she must lie in order to tell the truth. Kimberly Coconis does a good take on fear and passing, but it's not quite clear if passing as a woman when crossdressed is the same as passing as a man when in drab. Both require some artifice, and at least one of them is artificial. Dorothy Francis's what-difference-does-it-make-in-the-end,-really attitude is refreshing. After all, what's the point? And who cares?

Yes, the berdache are here again, sitting in a circle doing the sacred rites, following a path that is alien to many, if not most of us. As a woman told me when I said I could barely imagine some women might get as much kick out of wearing a T-shirt and a pair of boxer shorts as some men get out of a bra, panties and a slip, "Don't knock it just because it doesn't work for you."

As Knute Rockne, Red Auerbach, or Ronald Reagan once said, "Sometimes the magic works, sometimes it doesn't."

Vivian D. Allen

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MOVING ON

by Merissa Sherrill Lynn

I would like to start this editorial with a quote from Nancy Nangeroni's outstanding newsletter SCHE Mail:

> *OK, you asked for it. Merissa has agreed to become Founding Director, and let someone else be Executive Director. What does this mean? Basically, she's tired of working absurd hours and wants to live something a little less remotely resembling a life. She's ready for some more help. She's ready for someone who can put it all on the line, no bullshit, no prisoners, no jerks, no prima donnas, just some serious caring and commitment.*

The quote refers to the IFGE Board of Directors' recent creation of the position Founding Director, and to begin the search for a new Executive Director. This was a very important step, not only for IFGE, but for me personally. As IFGE's founder, I was, in effect, its spiritual leader. I defined its reason for being, its ideals, and its character. I was IFGE's guide, advisor, spokesperson, working partner, and primary laborer. Unfortunately, the dynamic young corporate-types, especially those with a fondness for structure and chains-of-command, couldn't justify placing "spiritual leader" on the flow chart. Therefore, since there was no real place for me, they gave me the title of Executive Director, a misnomer if ever there was one. Then, to make matters worse, they decided to define what constituted an executive director, a definition which had nothing to do with my talents or my real value to IFGE, then judged me based on that definition. Needless to say, it didn't work.

Fortunately, IFGE was blessed with many wise and patient people who understood why IFGE was created, and what was needed for it to maintain its character, and to achieve its goals. They could see that IFGE was created to be an educational and charitable organization. It was also created to provide our community tools that would enable it to become a community, and to provide our educators tools that would enable them to become effective educators. In order for IFGE to fulfill its reason for being, it had to maintain its focus, its ideals, and its high standards of character. Focus, ideals and character required the kind of leadership I could provide. They also knew in order for it to achieve its goals, IFGE needed money. Money required business leadership, the kind of leadership I could not provide.

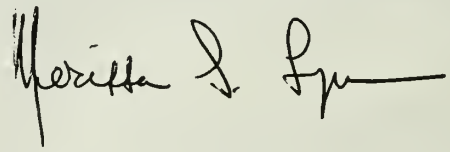
The creation of the position of Founding Director solves a lot of problems. First, it gives me a real place on the flow chart, which in turn gives me a little peace of mind. It also makes best use of my position as founder, and of my talents. Next, it enables IFGE to find someone who can fill the business void. Next, it temporarily interrupts the seemingly endless barrage of criticism, which in turn enables IFGE's Board, its staff, and me to get on with our jobs.

Unfortunately, although the creation of the new position solves problems, it also creates problems. The sad reality is, it is one thing to know how to solve a problem and create the conditions for it to be solved, and quite another to actually solve the problem. For instance, where is the money going to come from to hire a new Executive Director? How are we going to find someone who is qualified to do the job required, and is willing to relocate and work for the amount of money we would be able to pay? Can the Board of Directors raise the money without tapping into established revenue sources needed to keep IFGE alive? If the money is raised, and a person is found, can that person work effectively with the Board, the staff, and me?

Solving these problems rests solely with the IFGE Board, and could prove to be the greatest challenge the Board has ever faced. Since its inception, the Board has been the policy-making body of IFGE. However, it has never really had to do anything other than make policy. Now it must actively raise new money (approximately $30,000.00 for starters), and find and hire a qualified person. In short, the Board has to do something more than just make policy, and that could prove to be very difficult.

I desperately want to settle into my position as Founding Director, and let somebody else, someone who is far more qualified than I, handle the Executive Director responsibilities. However, until we have the money, and we have the person, I will not resign my position as Executive Director. Stay tuned.

My love to you all,



P.S. If you are interested in learning more about Nancy's SCHE Mail newsletter, you may do so by writing: SCHE, 276 Pearl St., #L, Cambridge, MA 02139

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

The Cruel Initiative

I'm a philosopher, not a politician. If someone says, "Vote for (whomever)," I want to know why. If he says, "Because (of this or that)," I want to know what he means by (this or that). If his clarification is illogical, I'll logically tear him to pieces. After all, that's what philosophers do. He might respond, "But, we're not trying to make any sense, we're trying to get your vote." That's what politicians do. The trouble is, illogical politics, especially if it is mixed with illogical religion, gets people hurt. A fine example of that is the Religious Right's current initiative in Washington State.

As you read this drivel, don't get complacent and think that no one could possibly take it seriously. Remember that the Religious Right had a similar initiative pass in Colorado, and they currently have no less than ten such initiatives being introduced. Their objective is to pass similar initiatives in every state in America.

(To better understand the real intentions of this initiative, every time you see the words *homosexual*, *bisexual*, *transvestite*, or *transsexual*, substitute the word *religious*, or the name of any other special interest or minority group, and see what it does to the meaning of the paragraph.)

The text:

1. This act shall be known and cited as the Equal Rights, Not Special Rights Act.

2. Persons who commit acts of violence against the person or property of others should be prosecuted and appropriately punished in order to protect law-abiding citizens and to ensure the guarantee of equal justice for all.

3. The people find that equal protection of the law, not special rights, is a fundamental principle of constitutional government and is essential to the well-being and perpetuation of a free society.

4. The people further find that there is a legitimate and compelling state interest in ensuring equal protection of the law for all citizens and preventing special rights based on any homosexual, bisexual, transsexual, or transvestite status, preference, orientation, conduct, act, practice, or relationship.

5. The people further find that there is a legitimate and compelling state interest in ensuring that the rights of parents to control the education of their children and that the sincerely held values and beliefs of citizens regarding homosexuality, bisexuality, transsexuality, or transvestism are not denigrated or denied by the public schools and that homosexuality, bisexuality, transvestism, or transsexualism are not presented, promoted, or approved as positive, healthy or appropriate behavior.

6. The people further find that the duty of all teachers is to endeavor to impress on the minds of their pupils the principles of morality, truth, justice, temperance, humanity and patriotism and to teach them to avoid idleness, profanity and falsehood as an indispensable prerequisite for providing a sound education, maintain a virtuous and ethical society, and guaranteeing the rights of all citizens.

7. Neither the State of Washington, nor its political subdivisions, including counties, cities, towns, and school districts, shall by any means or instrumentality, enact or enforce a policy whereby any homosexual, bisexual, transsexual, or transvestite status, preference, orientation, conduct, act, practice, or relationship shall be a basis for a person to maintain any special classification or privilege, minority status, quota, preference, affirmative action, right, legal standing, public benefit, marital, spousal, parental, familial, or domestic privilege, advantage, entitlement, benefit, position, or status, claim of discrimination, or special right or protection.

8. A school, through any employee, volunteer, guest, or other means or instrumentality, shall not present, promote or approve homosexuality, bisexuality, transsexuality, or transvestism, or any such conduct, act, practice, or relationship as a positive, healthy, or appropriate behavior or lifestyle.

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9. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Before I begin, there are a couple of realities I would like to point out:

1. Homosexuals, bisexuals, transvestites and transsexuals are human beings, and they exist. Being homosexual, bisexual or transgendered is not a matter of a lifestyle, it's a matter of life.

2. The Washington State Initiative is one of many battles instigated by the Religious Right in its aggressive war against homosexual, bisexual and transgendered people.

With that in mind, let's examine the initiative.

Paragraph one talks of equal rights, not special rights. It's important we understand what constitutes equal rights and special rights. The Declaration of Independence states that we have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To those rights I would add peace of mind (freedom from fear), to be in balance with one's self, to live in harmony with our neighbors, to be in balance with our God (Goddess, Creator, Allah, or whatever), and an equal opportunity to be the best that we can be. I would think that special rights would go into effect when special rights were needed. For instance, granting special tax status or freedom from persecution are special rights granted to religions. It would seem reasonable if denying special rights to the gay and transgendered communities were reasonable, it would also be reasonable to deny special rights to religions.

Equal rights have the quality of being universal, applicable to everybody. With equal rights go equal obligations and responsibilities. If everyone has the right to life, happiness, peace-of-mind, social harmony, spiritual balance, and equal opportunity, then everyone has the obligation not to deny these rights to anyone else.

***"Loving your neighbor* is a good imperitive.**

***Being in good relations with all things* is better"**

Paragraph two places an emphasis on law-abiding citizens and equal justice for all. That's fine, except we all know how easy it is to declare a law-abiding citizen's activities illegal, thereby turning that law-abiding citizen into a criminal. We also know that one person's idea of equal justice may not necessarily be somebody else's idea of equal justice.

Paragraph three states that equal protection is a fundamental principle of a free society. If that's true, then a society that would deny equal protection is not a free society. America routinely denies equal protection, and is therefore not a free society. I see another fundamental problem in paragraphs two and three. Equal justice and equal protection are universal ideals. Universal idealism and majority rule don't mix. America is a democracy, based on majority rule. Everybody knows, or should know that majority rule can be the cruelest of tyrants. As history has proven many times (in Nazi Germany for instance), the majority, especially an apathetic majority, can be led by a tiny band of aggressive zealots. The Religious Right is a tiny band of aggressive zealots, and the majority of Americans are apathetic. Equal justice and protection are fine, but who will protect us from those who would define what constitutes equal justice and protection? Who will protect us from the protectors?

Paragraph four is so stupid it's mind-boggling. Homosexuals are people too. Bisexuals are people too. Transvestites are people too. Transsexuals are people too. I'm quite certain gay and transgendered people don't find a compelling reason for denying themselves special rights. Also, what does "equal protection of the law" mean? Historically, the law has not done a very good job of protecting anyone equally. The truth is gay and transgendered people are specifically targeted for bigotry, discrimination, hatred, and violence, and need special rights to protect them. Paragraph four would deny them that protection.

Suppose paragraph four read: "...and preventing special rights based on any religious status, preference, orientation, conduct, act, practice, or relationship." Sounds a bit like Nazi Germany doesn't it? Is there anyone who would deny that religious people have not been victimized by bigotry and discrimination? Why? Because they were disliked by the majority, and the majority wrote the laws. Six million Jews were murdered because there were no special laws to protect them. There is no real difference between sexual and gender minorities facing the bigotry of the majority, and religious minorities facing the bigotry of the majority. If the authors of this initiative do, in fact, believe in equal rights, and equal justice, and equal protection, then this paragraph simply makes no sense.

Paragraph five makes even less sense than paragraph four. It sounds like they are trying to say that it is in Washington State's interest that each and every parent has the right to control the education of each and every child. Perhaps they are trying to say a majority of parents have the right to control the education of every child. I'll bet the prospects of that happening tickles the

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Mary Lynne White

LOOKING AT LIFE THROUGH NEW LENSES

Imagine living in a world where each person is given a pair of glasses to wear at birth. Each set of glasses comes with a specific mixture of beliefs and values that create distortions in how the person views life. The lenses of the glasses keep each person from seeing the larger picture. It's akin to having tunnel vision. People are not able to see the true reality as it *really* exists. They **assume** that what they see is real. Their perceptions are distorted because of the glasses they wear. They don't realize other people are wearing glasses that create different perceptions for them as well. As they grow older, these children find themselves judging and condemning others whose behaviors and values do not coincide with theirs. They **think** they are right, based on how they "see" the world. Unfortunately, their vision is limited. The glasses they have been wearing create certain paradigms about how life should be lived. This article addresses the limiting effect paradigms have on our lives, offering some different perspectives on crossdressing. In essence, how can we expand our awareness, fostering greater self-acceptance through the realization that we have been looking at life through mental glasses that distort our vision of the TRUTH.

A paradigm represents a mental set of assumptions. It often dictates how a given social group should act or behave. Although these **assumptions** haven't been proved, they are usually believed to be true by the majority of the members within a given population. One of the problems paradigms offer is that they limit our thinking. People do not question the paradigm or look for alternatives. They tend to accept the status quo, speculating that it's true. Many of us have unknowingly bought in to certain societal mores and rules because of our perceptions of what is **right** and what is **wrong**. Our mental glasses have distorted our vision.

The perceived male-female polarity represents a paradigm of dichotomies that runs deep in our human experience. The acceptance of an either/or mental framework blocks us from knowing the whole range of potential qualities of ourselves. To experience being only masculine, ignoring our feminine side, experiencing only feminine, ignoring our masculine side, could encourage inflexibility in our behaviors and thinking. Crossdressing is an avenue for men to explore and experience a facet of themselves that has always been there. It is **perceived** to be wrong by people having limited views based on their paradigms (lenses). Their paradigm tells them men should act and dress a certain way. To deviate from that way means being less of a man. I propose that we stop focusing on what someone else says we should or should not do and focus instead on what our hearts desire us to do. This means taking off our lenses to look at life from a different and a broader perspective. It requires our willingness to let go of the shame and guilt we've been holding onto for all these years; the guilt and shame created because we didn't live up to the expectations of others, even though their expectations were not based on truth.

How about considering the possibility that being a crossdresser is not only okay, it's GREAT!!!

There is a quiet revolution taking place in this country whereby men and women are looking at their lives and questioning more and more the rules imposed upon them by a society wanting them to:

* Ignore their intuition,
* Be dishonest with themselves and others,
* Behave in ways that deny who they really are,
* Limit their interests, capabilities and creativity,
* Feel guilty for wanting to follow their heart and truth,
* Place their needs behind the needs of others,
* Cast off one half of their psyche by behaving in a limited gender role.

If we know all this, why do we continue to dance this dance that

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makes us feel unhappy and unfulfilled? We fear being rejected and abandoned. Our fear of being alone is so great, we're willing to abandon ourselves, thinking we're not worthy or important. We have judged ourselves for our differences, feeling guilty and ashamed. We **could**, instead, begin accepting the possibility that our differences not only make us unique, they provide us with special qualities that can be used to help us in the great game of Life.

STOP
focusing on what someone else says &
focus
instead on what our hearts desire us to do.

It's time to take off those distorting lenses and see what Life is **really** all about! Some perceptions which many people aren't aware of (because of their lenses) are as follows:

* *There is no right or wrong*

Yes, I've written this before. Each one of us is following our Life path, learning the lessons we need to learn about loving ourselves. If someone disagrees with us or judges us, it does **not** mean we are wrong! It merely indicates we have a difference in **perceptions**. Just because there are more people whose perception differs from ours, does not make ours any less valid! I'm looking forward to the time when we ALL understand and accept our connectedness with one another. Instead of having a "we vs. them" attitude, we will value and respect one another, honoring our differences.

* *Members of the crossgendered community are brave and courageous*

Each person is to be applauded for the willingness to explore and experience the various facets that comprise the gem that s/he is. The world needs more feminine energy to stop the power struggles between human beings and the abuse of our environment.

* *Each of us has a right to our feelings*

Feelings are neither good nor bad. They are a part of who we are. Our belief that it's not right to be honest about our feelings because they might hurt someone is distorted. We hurt the ones we love (as well as ourselves) when we try to hide our feelings. John Gray's book, *Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus* offers some wonderful suggestions on how the sexes can improve their communications. When we learn to share our feelings in a positive way, keeping our boundaries clear, we become more empowered. Our inner strength grows.

* *A man's feminine side will not strip him of his "manliness"*

It actually enhances it. When we allow our feminine intuition to guide us and help us make decisions, we usually make the right choice. Like exercising a muscle, the more we listen to our intuition, the stronger it becomes. We can reach a point where there is a psychic knowing of what's appropriate and what isn't in any given situation. Because we have this ability, we become more confident and self-assured. We feel more in control of our lives.

* *"That which we have been taught to see as weakness is really hidden potential and strength."*

The feminist writer, Anais Nin wrote that the ability to surrender, to yield, to be dependent, to care for bodily needs, to cry and ask for help are all part of what it is to be deeply human. They **are** strengths, not weaknesses. Perhaps we could be more open to the concept of androgyny. Coming from the Greek words for man and woman, it refers to the relatively equal development and flexible integration of both the traditionally labeled masculine and traditionally labeled feminine characteristics in one individual of either sex. In her book, *Fully Human: How Everyone Can Integrate the Benefits of Masculine and Feminine Sex Roles,* Linda Olds tells us social psychology research indicates people who have developed both the traditionally masculine and feminine traits within themselves are more adaptable and flexible in meeting a whole range of life situations than people who have specialized in only one set of sex role traits.

Marija Gimbuta's book, *Goddesses and Gods of Old Europe: 7,000-3500 BC* (1982), discusses neolithic civilization, "...where the world of myth was not polarized into male and female. Both principles were manifest side by side. Neither is subordinate to the other; by complementing one another, their power is doubled." Equality between the sexes was the norm. Another ancient civilization, the Minoan culture on the island of Crete is described in *The Chalice and the Blade* by Riane Eisler (1987). This culture was one of peace. A spirit of harmony existed between men and women. They acted as joyful and **equal** participants in life. The standard of living was high. Evidence shows us wealth was primarily invested in living harmoniously and esthetically, rather than in power or war. Power was seen as a responsibility rather than domination. When the warring nomadic tribes took over, this peaceful civilization crumbled. Along with it went the ideas and memories of a peaceful time when every person was valued as an equal.

Eisler discusses two models found within cultural transformation theory—the dominator model and the partnership model. These earlier civilizations exemplified partner-

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Legal Briefs

IFGE In Portland, Oregon

by Phyllis Randolph Frye

Introductory notes:

Phyllis Randolph Frye is a longtime and open activist for lesbian, gay and transgender; for black, brown and Asian; and for women's and the physically-impaired's rights. She is also a Texan, a Democrat, an Eagle Scout, a Texas A&M Aggie (complete with senior boots), a US Army veteran, a licensed professional engineer and a trial attorney.

Phyllis began lecturing on transgender issues in the colleges in 1975. In 1976 she went full-time and came completely out of the closet to her neighbors, to her engineering profession and to her family. She has been deeply and openly involved in human rights issues every since, which includes block walking for candidates, attending five state Democratic Party Conventions as an elected delegate, screening of political candidates and attending all three Marches on Washington for Homosexual Rights.

Phyllis openly entered both business school in 1978 and law school in 1979. She led the successful four-year-long struggle for the repeal of the City of Houston Anti-Cross-Dressing Ordinance in 1981 and was honored for that by Houston's mayor ten years later. She was a charter member of the Houston Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. She has been a member of the Houston League of Women Voters since 1977 and currently serves as a Vice-President. She is a former Director of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association. She is a past Vice-President and past Director of the Gulf Coast Transgender Community. All of these things were done out-of-the-closet.

This last year in 1993, Phyllis received the Achievement of the Year Award from Boulton & Park Society, the Trinity Award "for courage" from the IFGE and the Bayard Rustin Lifetime Achievement Award from the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. Further, she was selected to be the transgender community speaker on the podium before hundreds of thousands of participants at the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgender Rights. Phyllis and her spouse remained married during her transition and celebrated their twentieth anniversary last June. She is close to and enjoys the company of her son, a college student in the health sciences.

She is the only attorney that we know of who is seeking and obtaining for her clients a pre-operative change of gender identification along with the name change in the Texas courts. Once, someone suggested to me that Phyllis Frye's motive was to get rich off the community. When I told her this, Phyllis reviewed her 1993 billings: only 13% of her 1993 income was from transgendered clients. No, she certainly is NOT getting rich from us.

In 1991, Phyllis founded the International Conference on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. It was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation last year. Its third annual conference,TRANSGEN94: YOUR JOBS, YOUR HEALTH, YOUR RIGHTS AND YOUR DOCUMENTS is scheduled for 17-21 August 1994 in Houston, Texas.You must plan to be there.

I present to you, Phyllis Randolph Frye.

(This was the Keynote Speech given by Ms.·Frye during the 1994 IFGE Coming Together-Working Together Convention. Phyllis Frye can be reached at 5707 Firenza, Houston TX 77035-5515 USA. Write her if you want more information on TRANSGEN94, or if you want transcripts, tapes or videos of the Proceedings of previous meetings of ICTLEP.)

All human beings carry within themselves an ever-unfolding idea of who they are and what they are capable of achieving.

Listen deep in your soul and absorb completely as I repeat that proclamation: "All human beings carry within themselves an ever-unfolding idea of who they are and what they are capable of achieving."

The individual's sense of self is not determined by chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex, or initial gender role.

Those were the beginning lines to the International Bill of Gender Rights as it was adopted at the second International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. The entire list of rights includes:

- the individual's right to define gender identity;
- to free expression of gender identity;

- to control and change one's own body;
- to competent medical and professional care;
- to freedom from psychiatric diagnosis or treatment;
- to sexual expression;
- to form committed, loving relationships and enter into marital contracts;
- to conceive or adopt children;
- to nurture and have custody of children and to exercise parental rights.

The International Bill of Gender Rights was first proclaimed at the second conference last August by ICTLEP Director Attorney Sharon Ann Stuart. Also here today is ICTLEP Director Jackie Thorne; the Employment Law Director, Laura Elizabeth Skaer; and the Documentation Law Moderator, Melinda Whiteway. The Inter-national Bill of Gender Rights and Sharon's report are in the Conference *Proceedings.*

I have been asked to be brief, and I promised that I would limit my presentation to just under two hours. Actually, I'll be finished in about twenty minutes. Before I begin, I want all of you to know that even though the price of freedom can be high, it is worth the price.

My spouse of twenty years, Trish, couldn't make this trip. Trish is my best friend. She and I computed that in today's 1994 dollars, considering the conservative advancements and promotions that I would probably have gotten, we see about $400,000 to $600,000 less in our wealth and savings because in 1976 we decided together to free me. Understand this, we came out for me: we didn't come out for you. I fought and struggled for my freedom. For MY freedom. I'm free, and I've been free for a number of years. Trish agrees that if all it took was $400,000 to $600,000, then it was worth it.

Back then the hypocrites tried everything. They took away my kid when he was five, but my kid came back when he was twenty-two. He chose to come back to me, and we are very good friends now. He says that he loves me right straight into my eyes. I say that I love him and he says that he knows it. When we walk in public, I put my arm around him or we hold hands. He doesn't shy away.

Back then the bigots took away my career, two careers actually, military and engineering. Of course you know about that. Those stories are also published in detail in the *Proceedings.* Back then they egged our house, burned dirty baby diapers on our porch, frequently made obscene phone calls, and even slashed our tires. I was a very bitter person for a long, long time. But Trish and I survived it. We bonded together: we made it. That was our price. I'm free, we are free together. The price was well worth it.

I remember somebody telling me last year, that "she" wouldn't help the TG community by coming out of "her" closet because she enjoyed driving her BMW, and if she came out, then she might have to drive a Ford. That was the last time I ever spoke with her. I simply don't have time for people like that.

Listen to me! My story began in 1976. This is 1994, people: you shouldn't have to pay that kind of price today.

Today, I'm going to touch on several highly important issues for you as a transgender community. In touching on these issues I am going to exhort the better part in each of you to grow. The issues are: rejecting homophobia; rejecting racism; rejecting shame; claiming your history; recognizing the non-operative option; resisting divorce; becoming politically active; and attending TRANSGEN94 in Houston this coming August.

Number One:
Rejecting Homophobia.
I want to lash out every time I hear someone say, "Yes, I cross-dress, but at least I'm not gay!" Or, I hear someone say, "I only want to be around heterosexual cross-dressers." That angers me. The sheer arrogance of people who will justify their own actions by putting down others—who will elevate themselves by stripping the self-worth of others—is revolting to me. They are saying, in effect, "Hey, what I do is okay. I may get off on panties and high heeled shoes, but at least I'm not a damned faggot."

You must get this point past the gray matter in your brain and put it deep into your gut. There is nothing, nothing wrong with being a gay man. There is nothing, nothing wrong with being a lesbian woman. You may not be one, but don't put them down in the process of defending yourself from a bigot.

Trish and I have known a multitude of gay and lesbian people that far exceed—in the areas of honesty, integrity, compassion, generosity, spirituality, and helpfulness—far exceed over most of the heterosexuals that self-define themselves as society's upper class.

Yes, and I consider myself to be lesbian. I consider myself to be lesbian. So, if you can't get over your own homophobia, don't ever try to be a friend of mine.

Let me add a point here that mixes being afraid, staying in the closet and homophobia together. Being afraid is natural. In 1976 when I came out I was terrified. The only thing I feared more was staying in the closet any longer. We, each one of us, you and I, feel that our numbers are small and that we are mostly helpless against the tyranny of the majority out there. Let me give you this lump to swallow: If we don't get over our homophobia and force a bond of the transgender community to the lesbian and gay community, just imagine what repression we will face when the lesbians and gays achieve legal freedom and we are the next smaller target of the bigots. That should put a chill down your spine.

Number Two:
Rejecting Racism.
Racist attitudes were created by greedy, low-life slave traders, slave owners and slave breeders several

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COMING OUT FOR THE TRANSGENDERED INDIVIDUAL
transsexuals, tranvestites, transgenderists, androgynes

by Gianna Eveling Israel

When we think of communications many thoughts may come to mind, conversing by telephone, chatting through modems, speaking to family and friends or even our own gender leaders educating a group of budding psychologists. As individuals experiencing various levels of gender issues and self awareness, we often find ourselves becoming more in touch with new feelings, experiences and needs. Sharing these discoveries is important, providing a pathway for enriching ourselves, our relation-ships, and our communication skills.

"Coming-Out," or disclosing one's transgendered status, particularly in pre-established relationships can be intimidating. While we normally feel comfortable speaking about daily needs and occurrences, it is easy to overlook communications as an important tool cementing relationships together. Concurrently, a common thought pattern within a pre-established relationship is the unrealized assumption that those individuals "know what our needs are," hence making difficulty arise when revealing new material. With the focus being aimed directly at us, we may draw on conclusionary fears, "I may be rejected," or, "I feel so ashamed, how can I expect their respect." Be careful not to allow these fears or pre-judgments to become self-fulfilling.

With our communications skills unaccustomed to sharing such intimate, self-revealing information, viewing coming-out as risky is certainly appropriate. Allow caution to speak sensibly by evaluating disclosure appropriateness. One fundamental question I encourage clients to ask in this evaluation process is, "*Will disclosing my transgendered status enhance the quality of the relationship?*" If the answer is no, you need to seriously reflect on disclosure relevancy.

After sharing something so Revealing you deserve some time *alone* to *reflect*

An important benefit you can derive from talking about your needs firsthand with your counselor or therapist, is the opportunity to build on disclosure and communication skills. Also, a professional specializing in gender issues will be able assist you in finding the right definitions to describe the phenomenon, and the needs you are and will possibly be experiencing.

Here is a primer to start with:

Transgendered - an umbrella term encompassing one or more individuals dealing with transsexual, transvestite, transgenderist or androgyne issues.

Transsexual - an individual who transitions in progressive stages, interpersonally, physically and socially, aimed at living as a member of the opposite sex full-time. Wishes genital reassignment surgery in addition to hormones and other surgical and cosmetic procedures.

Transvestite *or* ***Crossdresser*** - an individual who crossdresses on occasion as an opportunity to explore opposite gendered experiences. Wishes to retain original gender role and social position.

Transgenderist - individual who wishes to crosslive part to full-time. Feeling most comfortable in the medium ground between a transsexual and a transvestite. Not interested in genital reassignment surgery, but commonly interested in hormones or other cosmetic or surgical procedures.

Androgyne - an individual who wishes to take on the characteristics of "either" or "neither" gender part or, usually, full-time. Rarely interested in genital reassignment. Occasionally interested in castration, hormones or cosmetic surgical procedures.

Sexual Identity *or* ***Orientation*** - indicates to whom we are attracted, whether it be the same, opposite or both genders.

Gender Identity - basically indicates how we feel inside and what our presentation is to the world.

Biological Gender - indicates our genital sex at birth

With these definitions in hand, here are some effective communications and self-disclosure strategies:

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PREPARE FOR COMMUNICATING

Much like going to a business meeting, prepare a list of items you wish to discuss. Think about the list for several days. Talk with a knowledgeable friend or counselor about its contents. Dan, our imaginary transgendered person, has recently arrived on the fact that he's transgendered and is about to tell his wife, Karen, about his issues. Dan first spoke with his counselor about his feelings, strategized a communication plan and finally has defined for himself a level of confidentiality to request from Karen.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Dan asked Karen if they could spend an hour together after dinner because he needed her support on some personal issues.

VALIDATING THE RELATIONSHIP

An important door opener in successful communication! It reaffirms the relationship and that its strengths exist. Dan stated, "Karen, I want you to know I've drawn a great deal of happiness from our eight years of being together. What I have to share is very personal and I feel I can trust sharing it with you." Dan also sought a confidentiality agreement at this time.

RELIEVE STRESS BY REVEALING

Just about now our imaginary character is starting to sweat a little. Like many great communicators, he found that by telling Karen he was feeling a little nervous he was able to kindle her empathy. Feeling a little more comfortable he can now move on...

EFFECTIVELY SHARE THE FACTS

"Karen, after several months of confusion and intense soul-searching I have come to realize that I am a transgendered individual." There, Dan did it! He then continued to share information he knew which related to his being transgendered... He also talked about his experiences, needs, and his need for her continued love and empathy.

AFFIRMING THE OTHER PERSON'S NEEDS, FEELINGS, AND BELIEFS

Dan patiently sat through Karen's initial confusion that "she was the cause of his issues," moving on to reassure her that she was a loving, faithful and feminine companion. He answered her questions as best he could. Karen wanted to know if crossdressing in front of their children was harmful. Dan wasn't sure. He deferred that question to a future discussion until after he saw his counselor.

It is important to remember that the other person may have beliefs and needs which are different from your own. The best of friendships are built on acknowledging this fact and on keeping communication lines open!

SEALING THE COMMUNICATION

It is important for any good communication to have a proper closing. Dan thanked Karen for taking time out for listening and for her empathy. He also reminded her that he valued his relationship with her as irreplaceable, then gave her a warm hug.

Communicating individual needs such as self-disclosing gender and sexuality issues won't always be this easy. However you have just reviewed some powerful communication tools that help. With practice you will find an increased sense of empowerment and satisfaction. Remember that after sharing something so revealing, "Coming-Out," you well deserve spending some time alone to positively reflect on your personal success! Reward yourself in a special way!

Mary Lynne White

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ship. Since then, man has perpetuated the dominator model. This assumes male dominance over women. Men and women are taught to equate true masculinity with violence and domination. Men who do not conform to this ideal are seen as too soft or effeminate. She goes on to talk about similarities between our present time and those turbulent years when the Roman Empire—one of the most powerful dominant societies of all time—began to break down. Both are periods of what "chaos" theorists call the states of increasing systems disequilibrium, times when unprecedented and unpredictable systems changes can occur. History has shown us, if we choose to look at it, that dominator societies break down civilizations rather than build them up. They have not considered long-term effects on the environment in their quest for technological advancement, for increased power and control. The serious ecological imbalances and environmental damage are the results of this type of thinking.

The time has come for a much needed paradigm shift in how we view ourselves as human beings. Men who are in touch with their feminine side may very well be the harbingers of positive change. Our feminine qualities of insight, sensitivity, and nurturance can help us create a better Life for ourselves and for our loved ones. If we find ourselves feeling unfulfilled and/or ashamed because of our circumstances or beliefs, it's time to start questioning the validity of the paradigms we have been following. The future of our world depends on this. World peace begins within. The first critical step in bringing this concept to reality involves our loving and accepting ourselves exactly as we are. We do this through our willingness to let go of the ideas and beliefs that keep us from feeling whole and complete. This willingness comes from our taking off the lenses that have distorted our views, keeping us from seeing the truth about our positive qualities, and the gifts that have been given to us.

It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

AN UPDATE ON RESEARCH

In issue #66 of *Tapestry,* I placed a call for help in a number of my projects and studies, and I am glad to report that I had some response. I am very grateful to those who sent word to me. Thank you very much. The need for more information continues, however, so I am repeating the call in this issue.

It seems important, however, to give you all some brief report and insight into these projects and thereby, perhaps, stimulate more of you to give me more assistance.

To be explicit, what I do here at IFGE is to relate to both the health-care professional in all areas of transgendered medical care, and to you, the transgendered, in virtually all of your medical needs and concerns. While my main impetus seems to many to give information about hormonal therapy to the transsexual community, you should be aware that I am pleased to give information to all of my sisters and brothers about all aspects of transgendered medicine when they make inquiry.

My surveys and studies are meant to gather information for both the medical community as well as you, the reader. When I say that helping me eventually helps you, I mean that sincerely. Let's look at what I'm doing and planning.

1. I placed a call for postoperative F-M and M-F individuals to respond for inclusion in a survey. I have been gratified by the response so far, but it is not enough. The survey is nearly ready to mail. I want as many as 1500 individuals involved. Your brief letter to me with your agreement to participate gives me opportunity to sample widely and deeply. Eventually I will report to you and to the medical community what is being done, both correctly and incorrectly, in your care. That provides better management for those who follow you in this journey. You won't be in jeopardy with your participation, for your name and the information you give to me will never be revealed publicly, but you will help others share in your great success and hopefully avoid any of your difficulties.

2. The teenage crossdressing study is a longitudinal study. It will go on for many years. Intermittent reports will be placed in medical journals. It will help give information to the health-care professional so as to guide competently, the young person, and his or her parents, to a happier and more fulfilled existence. We were all teenagers and our transgendered spirits and behaviors gave to us all conflict, confusion, and upset. To give information to the medical professional about youngsters from 12-19 years of age, who have a host of transgendered feelings and activities can be so valuable. There is so little in the experience of so many of these "medical experts" about this age group. You can help so much when you are aware of a study such as mine and you contact me about someone that you should chance upon in this age group.

3. Relatively speaking, there are so few health-care professionals who are responsive to our community when we compare to practitioners in other areas of medical care. But, they are out

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A CALL FOR HELP

AN IMPLANT REGISTRY IS PLANNED

Sheila Kirk, MD is setting up a protocol for an implant registry in the Division of Medical Liaison and Research at IFGE. It will be a program wherein all M-F individuals who have had facial prosthetic implants and breast augmentation implants will register, giving information about their surgical procedures and experiences. In turn, they will receive information periodically about research developments and legal concerns with such procedures. When there is pertinent information in reference to the development of various implant techniques, this will be forwarded to registrants in the program.

The Registry will also include F-M individuals who have had penile and testicular implants. They will be kept informed about

research and legal matters as well in this area of surgical care. Most about this program will be reported to you in a subsequent *Tapestry* edition.

A CALL FOR POST-OPERATIVE M-F AND F-M TRANSSEXUALS FOR AN IN-DEPTH SURVEY CONDUCTED BY SHEILA KIRK, MD AT IFGE

Call for post-operative M-F and F-M individuals willing to be part of a survey which asks in-depth questions about transition, medical care and the surgery experienced. I want to know about post-surgical medical care and the things that the individual experiences here and now in the work place. Please contact me and send to me your willingness to participate along with your name and address. I stress to you that taking part in this survey will not put you in any measure of insecurity. Your name will never be used, only the data that you supply me with.

HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL LIST

I have a health-care professional referral list which I maintain and continue to use to refer individuals to responsible and responsive health-care professionals all over the United States. One of the very important ways in which this can be continued is to ask that members of the community who have located health-care professionals (i.e., physicians, psychologists and psychiatrists) who they feel are competent and knowledgeable be made known to me at IFGE. Please forward their names, addresses, phone numbers and their specialties so that I can include them in my lists.

TO THOSE WHO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES, I am very anxious to identify there, and very often I don't know who they are.

In New York City alone, I have only four medical physicians in my referral list who will give hormonal therapy to those who meet appropriate criteria. In the entire state of Montana, I have a single, solitary health-care professional, a physician, who I have identified and have in my referral list who will give care to the transgendered. I can't believe that there are so few that have come into *your* experience that you cannot keep me informed. I must rely on you to tell me who and where they are, so that I can evaluate and then refer to others in your state, in your city, in your very district, who may have need for the same medical care. You must share with me. It is very disheartening to receive request for a health-care professional in an area where I have no one to give in reference. Help me in this. Write down the name of the physician, the psychologist, the therapist, their address and phone number, who has been of help to you and who is willing to accept referral from me. Mail this to me at your earliest convenience.

4. You should be aware that my work includes several studies that will benefit the transgendered community in the near future.

A. A study of breast changes in the transgendered genetic male taking estrogen is soon to begin. This will give insight into various benign changes that may take place, but more importantly could give indication as to whether or not any of our people are at risk from the standpoint of breast malignancy. There is just not adequate study out there at this time to confirm or deny this.

B. A study of prostate gland protection in the transgendered genetic male is currently being discussed and a protocol is to be written for this work.

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individuals who speak to sociology and psychology classes at various institutions of higher learning. I am particularly interested in those individuals who are asked to give information to groups that are taking higher degree training in these areas. I would like very much to place issues of the *Tapestry* magazine in your hands. I ask that you will take the *Tapestry* magazine to those classes and give a copy to each and every member of the group to whom you speak.

This will provide a window to the community. It will amplify a great deal of what it is that you tell that particular group and it will give them insight into IFGE. This allows them to have access to IFGE for additional information, now and in the future. Your efforts to give accurate information can be accentuated by providing that contact with IFGE. If you will please get in touch with me, telling me of your willingness to participate in this and give me some details of the number of classes in a year that you conduct, I will be glad to work with you in providing an ample number of *Tapestry* issues. Your outreach can have a double effect. Please respond to this, for I think this is very important.

THE TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING STUDY

This very important youth study is still in motion. It is a longitudinal study that will go on for a considerable length of time. I continue to need members of the community to be alert to male youngsters in the 12-19 year old age group and I ask, once again, that they refer them to me for my inquiry and continuing evaluation or if their parents or therapists are willing to talk to me, I will welcome that contact as well.

- Dr. Sheila Kirk

Electrology

by Linda DeFruscio, RE,RI

Questions & Answers

Q. I am coming out of the closet, hopefully for good. I am single, Caucasian, 42 years old, slender, sensitive, and strong. I very much want to remove my facial hair *permanently*. I understand there are many methods of electrolysis. Could you explain the methods of electrolysis and how I can choose the correct one for me? S.M., Texas

A. Electrolysis is the only proven method of removing unwanted hair permanently. The procedure consists of inserting a fine wire filament (needle/probe), which you should not feel, into the hair follicle. A short, quick burst of electric current cauterizes the dermal papilla (root), or the capillaries that feed that hair and its germinative cells. Once this process is properly completed, the hair will cease growing because the root and/or its system of nourishment has been destroyed.

There are three principal methods of electrolysis:

Galvanic, using single or multiple needles,
Thermolysis, using a single needle, and
Blend, using a single needle.

Galvanic Electrolysis is chemical decomposition caused by electric current flowing through the reagents. Direct, or galvanic current (DC) is sent through a solution of salt water. The current decomposes the water. The hydroxide radical combines with the sodium in the salt to form sodium hydroxide (lye). The remaining elements, chlorine and hydrogen, are given off as free gases. The lye is very caustic and it destroys the hair root and its germinating cells at the bottom of the follicle. Galvanic electrolysis is effective on curved and distorted hair follicles. This method is the slowest. It takes 15-180 seconds to remove each hair. Galvanic can be much more irritating to the skin than other methods, but it has much less regrowth.

Thermolysis Electrolysis, also known as shortwave, flash, super-flash, radio-wave, and high frequency. This is the most advanced method. Hair follicle destruction is caused by a heat process, or electrocoagulation, with high frequency alternating current (AC). A predetermined amount of heat energy, pulsed for a certain time destroys the hair germinating cells at the base of the follicle without affecting the surface of the skin. *Thermolysis is the fastest of the three methods.*

In my experience, approximately 200-600 hairs can be removed per hour, depending on the thickness of the beard. Coarse beard hair may need repeat treatments to completely destroy the ability of the follicle to grow a hair.

Blend Electrolysis combines galvanic and thermolysis. In the blend method, the heat from the thermolysis heats up the sodium hydroxide produced by the galvanic current making this system much faster than galvanic alone. Blend is somewhat slower than thermolysis, about 150-340 hairs per hour. Computerized machines (epilators) are capable of more consistent electrolysis and are recommended.

To choose the correct method is somewhat the same as choosing the correct practitioner. The electrologist should be experienced with terminal hairs (coarse) as in the beard, and inguinal (bikini) area hairs. There were more hints on choosing a practitioner in *Tapestry* issue #65.

Beware of electrically charged tweezers!

This temporary method of hair removal consists of tweezers that grasp a hair and then electric current penetrates the hair for elimination. This method is painless. Just as they advertise on television, there is no needle, no pain, no erythema (redness), no edema (swelling), no scarring, and no infection.

(Linda DeFruscio founded A & A Electrolysis and Skin Care at this new, expanded location in 1988, as a clinic dedicated to the problem skin. The clinic also treats acne problems and removal of unwanted hair from all skin types: Caucasian, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and other non-European skin. The clinic offers clinical facials, Glycolic Acid treatments, custom blended makeup and lessons, and lifestyle and nutritional counseling. Linda DeFruscio is a graduate of Northeastern and Tufts Universities. She is a licensed instructor, paramedical esthetician, and currently teaches at Roberts Institute of Medical Electrology in Boston, Massachusetts. She can be reached at A & A Electrolysis and Skin Care, 815 Washington Street, Suite 5, Newtonville MA 02160. Telephone (617) 964-1000.)

This method removes about two hairs per minute. It is extremely slow and ineffective. Hair is not a conductor of electricity. The federal Food and Drug Administration has determined that electronic tweezers *cannot* be advertised as a permanent method of hair removal.

In order for hair to be permanently removed, a probe (needle) must be inserted to the bottom of the hair follicle in order to destroy the root and its nourishing capillaries. Destroying only the hair has no effect on the root.

Q. Linda, I would like advice on my current dilemma. I want all my facial hair removed. To this end, I have spent in excess of $10,000 and had at least 250 hours of electrolysis. The results were a clearing of the cheeks, a considerable thinning of the upper lip hair, a 25% reduction in the hair density on the neck, and the chin area was untouched. In my case, I estimate that some of these hair follicles have been treated as many as six times.

Would this be considered normal results, or was I going to the wrong electrologist? K.C., New York

A. Based on my 18 years of experience and a number of completed cases, I would make the following estimates of the amount of time required to totally remove a beard:

light beard, up to 80 hours
medium beard, 80-120 hours
heavy beard, 120-200 hours
extremely heavy beard, 200 hours or more

These estimates may vary due to the electrologist's experience on terminal hair (coarse) and on the modality of electrolysis she uses to perform the treatment. I have seen some patients who have been treated 300+ hours. Even on some completed cases, patients may find some fine sporadic hair growth requiring occasional touch up.

The initial beard removal is the most important time. If the hair is properly treated and all cells are destroyed, the undergrowth or regrowth of that hair on the next cycle, four to six weeks later, will be weaker, softer, or totally gone. If there is a lot of regrowth, however, that may be caused by inaccurate probe insertion by the practitioner, inadequate current intensity or duration, or low tolerance on the part of the patient. The greater the intensity of the current the patient can tolerate, the faster the electrologist can work. If the intensity is too great, however, the skin may be damaged. There should be no sensation when the probe is inserted into the hair follicle, and when the hair is drawn out. What you should feel is a slight tingling feeling when current is applied.

To find an electrologist, ask friends, other professionals, and look in the Yellow Pages. The best source is asking others who have already had their beards removed. Results are the strongest recommendation.

K. C., without having seen your case from the beginning, prior to starting treatment, it is difficult for me to make an estimate on the time that would be required to remove your beard. You may want to get a second opinion from another electrologist in your area.

Q. On many occasions after having an electrolysis treatment, I find dark spots below the surface of the skin. Sometimes they emerge later as dead hair follicles, and last for several weeks.

Is it common for skin to heal over follicles? Should I be concerned? R.J., Illinois

A. These dark spots below the skin surface are referred to as tombstones. They are small, thick, dark, uneven root tips of the hair. As the hair is being released from the skin, the root tip (tombstone) sloughs off into the follicle.

This may occur for the following reasons:

1. The hair was weak and brittle causing break off.

2. The hair was plucked or waxed.

3. The hair was treated and released by electrolysis in the catagen or telogen stage, although an untreated early forming anagen hair remains beneath the skin in the follicle. The anagen stage is the active growth stage, the catagen stage is the changing stage, and the telogen stage is the resting stage or short follicle club hair.

The tombstone that remains beneath the skin over the next several weeks will work its way out. There is no need to treat tombstones. The electrologist can release them as they surface. Do not pick or squeeze, or try to help this procedure along because you may irritate the skin.

If you cause trauma to the skin by tweezing a hair from an infected or ingrown hair follicle, the skin may heal thicker in that area, perhaps causing the pore to be blocked again.

You should bring this problem to your practitioner's attention for proper care.

Q. What about the anti-aging products to reduce wrinkles, hyperpigmentation, and sun damage? P.D., New York.

A. Retin-A (vitamin A acid, also known as tretinoin) is a topical treatment available in creams, gel, and liquid by prescription. Yes, it does seem to work. It helps to loosen and dislodge comedones. It does not kill bacteria. The cream versions are loaded with isopropyl myristate and stearic acid that can aggravate acne. Retin-A causes photosensitivity that can lead to severe hyperpigmentation.

Alpha Hydroxy Acid (vitamin A acid), non-toxic fruit acids, especially glycolic acid, is favored over Retin-A as a twice-daily topical treatment for several reasons. Patients experience fewer side effects such as photosensitivity, redness, flaking, blotches or uneven skin tone, and irritation.

Alpha Hydroxy Acid (AHA) can help reduce fine lines, fade hyperpigmentation, and refine the skin's texture with remarkable

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hundreds of years ago. They promoted such attitudes in order to justify their actions. Racial slavery ended almost one hundred and thirty years ago, but racist attitudes remain.

Folks, we must learn to get along. We must, each of us, affirmatively declare to become intolerant of intolerance. If someone says "nigger," then you must go through the awkwardness of telling that person that you do not approve. You are, after all, as a transgendered person, one of today's "niggers." Yes, you are because you are judged and deemed to possess a list of stereotypes because of one thing only: your outward appearance. And if someone says some other racist comments, not quite as overt but just as racist, then you must go through the awkwardness of telling that person that their "white sheet" is showing and you do not approve.

Look about you right now at the faces in this room. Where is the tapestry of color? Take steps when you go home to have your local TG group begin to reach out through the Spanish, Asian and Black radio stations. Transgendered sisters and brothers are out there in the Spanish, Asian and Black communities. By their joining your local TG groups, you not only increase your groups', numbers, you enrich your own life through learning, and you reinforce the argument that we are indeed everywhere and we are in every culture.

Number Three:
Rejecting Sexism.
Guys, where are the FTMs? Stand up. Folks, we could double our visible numbers in general, double our attendance at meetings such as this, and double the number of workers—heaven knows we need more person power—if we reject sexism and reach out to our men.

We are talking affirmative action in our local groups. You must, before you leave here, get an address and a phone number from one of the FTMs. Go home, contact that FTM and tap in to your local FTM community.

Today, ICTLEP has created a new position—on our letterhead—called FTM Inclusion Moderator. That person is Aaron Davis. We of the Law Conference are proud to put FTM Inclusion Coordinator on our letterhead. We of the Law Conference want to double our numbers.

Number Four:
Rejecting Shame.
Shame is how *they* keep us down. Shame is how *they* keep us in our place. Shame is how *they* keep us in closets. Who is this *they* that makes us feel ashamed to be who we are.

They are the people who sing, "I've Got to Be Me. I've Got to Be Me." And *they* love this song, "I did it My Way." *They* are the people who proclaim the virtue of being true to oneself. *They* say that the best of all things, is to be honest with oneself and honest with others. *They* teach that "Honesty is the best policy." *They* have Boy Scouts memorize that a scout is trustworthy. That means honest.

TIME OUT! NONE OF THAT APPLIES IF YOU ARE QUEER! If you are homosexual or transgendered, *they* want you to lie about it, *they* want you to keep in the closet, *they* want you to be ashamed, *they* want you to feel guilty. But, of course, *they* can justify divorce and infidelity. It is on television every night and in every movie house and magazine stand. "THAT'S NORMAL," *they* say.

Listen to me: You have nothing to be ashamed of. God likes variety. She created lots and lots of variety. You have the capacity to love yourself, to help others, to do good work. *They* have the problem, not you.

How many of *them* have you seen wearing country and western garb when they own no cows, no horses, no farm, no ranch? Ask them why they dress like that. "It's fun," or "It makes me feel good," or "It's the way I feel about myself." Those people who cross-dress in western garb are the true trans-west-ites!

Last week, someone wrote to me and at the end of the letter she stated how she was looking forward to an anonymous life after sexual reassignment surgery, living in a new town and with a new job. That is nothing to look forward to. That's just another stretch of hiding. Why does she wish to hide? Because she is ashamed of who she is.

NEVER BE ASHAMED. NEVER BE ASHAMED.

Number Five:
Claiming Your History.
During the second International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy in 1993, Mr. Leslie Feinberg, an F2M author, detailed back to several thousand years ago your history as a transgendered people. It is in the transcribed *Proceedings* which is for sale. Checks and Mastercard accepted. And don't forget that we have a silent auction going on a limited edition, edited video of the 2nd conference. Just a little commercial there.

What I want to emphasize is your current history. How many of you have ever heard of Stonewall, raise your hands? Stonewall was a bar in Greenwich Village in New York. Regular patrons were cross-dressers—both F2M and M2F, both straight and gay—and there were also leather cultists from the lesbian and gay community. In the sixties, police routinely raided places frequented by these folks—frequented by YOUR people. Close your eyes, close them right now and imagine for a moment that you are here today, being yourselves with your friends, but that this is the sixties and this event will be raided by the police in a few minutes.

In June of 1969, after years of police harassment, the patrons of Stonewall fought back. They dragged the cops into the bar, sealed it off and held the cops captive for three days. They negotiated with the authorities a policy which said in essence, "LEAVE US ALONE!"

The Stonewall Rebellion is credited with being the birth event of the modern gay/lesbian/transgender freedom movement. This summer, the 25th anniversary, will be a

celebration and a march on the United Nations to present demands. The Transgender Law Conference was the first organization to throw down the gauntlet and tell the Stonewall 25 committee to put transgender in the name or we will march against you and some of us will allow ourselves to be arrested. Within days after, the Norma Christy group which has over 400 chapters and 29,000 members and puts on the Ms Gay America pageants all over the country did the same thing. Other TG organizations are joining with us. I hope IFGE, F2M and Transgender Nation puts their name in also.

Actually I do not see how the IFGE Board that is meeting today can avoid the issue of the word transgender being left out of the name of Stonewall 25. Some people will say that to declare against Stonewall 25 will jeopardize IFGE's 501(c)(3). That's scared talk and simply not true. A letter of non-support sent tonight to the Stonewall 25 meeting in plenary tomorrow is needed. Simply say something like this:

> The Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Gender Education, meeting in regular session on Saturday, 19 March 1994, has voted to withdraw support from the Stonewall 25 event if the term TRANSGENDER is not included in the title of the event. While we will not organize a counter march against the Stonewall 25 event, IFGE will publicize the counter march to its members, and IFGE will publicize that transgendered persons who do not wish to march or counter-march can stand on the sidewalk and display poster board signs mounted on cardboard tubes which read "SHAME ON THE NONINCLUSIVE ORGANIZERS" or "AND TRANSGENDER."

At 2PM you, those of you sitting here now, are invited to a Law Conference meeting to plan that nonviolent resistance. There are many ways to participate without risking arrest. Don't let that put you off. I hope you come.

So, be proud of Stonewall. Your transgendered sisters and brothers fought there. It was the beginning of your right to be who you are with dignity. Don't forget it, and don't let others take it away from you.

Number Six:
Recognizing the Non-operative Option.

Increasing numbers of pre-operative transsexuals are waiting longer for their surgery. Many tell me that is because this is 1994, AND because we have so many good support groups and events like the T Party, IFGE Coming Together convention, California Dreamin', Southern Comfort and others, AND because there is so much more good reading material like the *Tapestry, Chrysalis* and *Cross-Talk* magazines available, AND because of an accepting and non-judgmental spouse or family support system, AND because of the recognition of the danger of any surgery. Indeed, last November, one of our sisters died a few days after surgery—AND because many post-op's will admit privately that the surgery sometimes just isn't so great after all, YES, because of all these reasons, increasing numbers of pre-operative transsexuals are waiting longer and longer and longer for their surgery.

I am one of those who has not yet had surgery even though I went full-time and out-of-the-closet in 1976, and I began hormones in 1977. My Trish said that although I was full-time and out, name change and all, if I remained pre-op long enough to fully adjust to all the changes, then she would try to hang on. The result was that I became as much of a woman as I could possibly be just shy of one surgical procedure. I took the time to fully experience being full-time, completely out, on hormones, name change and all. I discovered that my sex is in my brain. I stand here before you fully female, completely female, and I remain non-operative. My genitals? They make me no less a woman. Besides, in my monogamous relationship of over twenty years, no one else sees or experiences them anyway. So who should care, for goodness' sake? Indeed, who should care? Certainly not the bigots, the hypocrites and the religionists! Tell them to keep their own skirts down and their pants zipped and to mind their own business.

Please understand that IF you truly want surgery, I will support you. But I have seen too many cases of people *rushing* through the "real life test" with such break-neck speed that they do not take the time to savor the many and complex changes completely before they have surgery. I blame the medical community for this. The medical community never offered the non-operative option. The medical community put up this "real life test" where you either pass and get cut-up OR ELSE you go back to that intolerable situation before you began. WHAT KIND OF CHOICE IS THAT? NO WONDER PEOPLE WHO ARE REFUSED SURGERY FIND ANOTHER DOCTOR AND LEARN FROM THEIR PREVIOUS BAD ANSWERS.

Who gave us the non-operative option? We did, ourselves, not the medical community. Many of those post-op people will confide that had they moved slower, had they just slowed down, had they known of an option, that they would have been just as complete without the surgery. Stop to smell the roses, people. For the complete review of the non-operative option, read the *Proceedings.*

Number Seven:
Resisting Divorce.

Cynthia and Linda had there 35th anniversary last month. Trish and I had our twentieth. Bina and Martine had their twelfth. Yvonne and Dan had their second.

Obviously, in resisting divorce, there is nothing that you can do should your spouse be the one to file other than hire a very good lawyer and study the legal strategies worked out in the *Proceedings.* If there is a good reason for divorce, then let it be so. But your being transgendered is not a good reason.

What I am saying today is that you, as a married couple, if you both wish to stay married, then do so. Tell you family, tell your neighbors and tell your friends to "Butt out!" You sleep with, you cry with, you aspire with

each other, and not with them.

Never, never, never allow any doctor to require a divorce prior to surgery. I know of absolutely NO legal requirement for a divorce prior to surgery other than institutionalized homophobia and a general misunderstanding of the law. Let me repeat: there is NO law that requires a legally married heterosexual couple to divorce just because one desires surgery which will result in a homosexual marriage. This is covered in detail in the *Proceedings*.

Number Eight:
Becoming Politically Active.
Do not kid yourself that politics don't matter. That is naive, non-thinking and just plain stupid.

Whether you agree or not, look at what is happening now compared to 1980-1992. The Family Leave Act passed, Motor-voter Registration passed, there has been a loosening of restrictions for the poor to exercise choice in family planning, condom ads are finally on the major television networks, Justice Ginsburg sits on the Supreme Court, that court opened wider the right for women to sue sexist employers, that court support the RICO statute against violence at Planned Parenthood clinics, the Energy Department is coming clean on decades of non-consensual human-radiation testing, there is more funding of AIDS research, the Brady Handgun Bill passed, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is becoming friendly again. (The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission story is in the *Proceedings*.)

On your local, everyday living level, politics affects judges, whether appointed as they are on the federal benches or elected as they are in most state benches. (By the way, President Clinton has nominated the Hon. Fred Biery to a federal bench. Fred's speech to the first Law Conference is in the *Proceedings*.)

Beware of political parties that demand judges practice "judicial restraint." Judicial restraint judges believe in positivism—a jurisprudence based on "black-letter law." They will never be friendly to you as a transgendered person when you go to court for child visitation. They will never be friendly to you as a transgendered person when you go to court for insurance coverage. They will never be friendly to you as a transgendered person when you go to court for reinstatement of employment. They will never be friendly to you as a transgendered person when you go to court for changing your birth certificate.

Study American history and see the "judicial restraint" judges as being the authors of the Dred Scott slavery case and supporting the fugitive slave return law. They are repugnant to a freedom-proclaiming society. Whatever political party or whichever judicial candidate preaches "judicial restraint" will not be working for the best interest of you as a transgendered person. BELIEVE THAT!

Beware of who you elect for sheriff, for mayor and for city council. Your mayor probably appoints the police chief. If these local law enforcement folks hate queers, then they hate you too, you old queer.

How do you find out? What can you do at the local level? Get active. Get your local TG group to hold a "candidates' night" before each election and consider with favor those candidates who attend. We do it each October in Houston, and many, many candidates show up.

Be generous with your money to candidates who will support transgender issues. Join your local gay and lesbian political caucus and get onto their candidate screening committees. Ensure that transgender questions are placed in those screening procedures. All screening questions must include "...AND TRANSGENDER," and have a transgendered person at each screening meeting and in each screening panel. Remember, any office holder that is elected or re-elected who sought lesbian, gay *and* transgender endorsements has a more open mind to our needs.

Whereas, any office holder that gay-baits or that rants on and on for prayer in the schools (their type of prayer only, you can be sure), they would just as soon you be unemployed and in jail. Don't be lulled to sleep. *They would just as soon you be unemployed and in jail.* Again, this is covered in detail in the *Proceedings*.

Number Nine and lastly:
Attend TRANSGEN94.
The Annual Transgender Law, Employment and Medical Policy Conferences are for you. Since its inception and its earliest brochures, we have carried the following on the front of each brochure:

> This Conference is designed for both attorneys and non-attorneys. The standard of instruction is sufficiently high in order to obtain legal education credits for attorneys; yet, the workshops revolve around the questioning and input by non-attorneys who actually experience the lack of legal and employment protection in their daily lives as transgendered persons.

Both the first and second conferences were attended by more non-attorneys than attorneys. The application of the law to transgender issues is not the sole property of the lawyers. I did not create ICTLEP for such a lawyer-only purpose, although that is the common misperception. I created ICTLEP to empower you, the transgender community, lawyers and non-lawyers, to begin *yourself* to develop *your own* legal definitions, policies and strategies.

Today's laws and regulations that affect us in the areas of housing, insurance, health, family, employment, imprisonment, probate, military and civil commitment were and continue to be formulated by non - transgendered people. Available here at this gathering are handouts on the Bill of Gender Rights, the Health Care Standards for Transsexuals, the Military Law Project, a sample bill for your state's legislature concerning the definition of sex and gender, the policy for the imprisoned transgendered, and a reprint of text from a Nursing Textbook series wherein we wrote the section on transgendered issues. All of these things cost money folks, and the Transgender Law

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Conference can use every donation, even on a credit card, that you can give us. We are 501(c)(3), that means tax-deductible. If anyone wishes to donate, please do so immediately.

You must, through your attendance and participation in the Transgender Law, Employment and Medical Policy Conferences, say,

> *No more. Our problems are not that we are transgendered, but that society mislabels us and mistreats us. We have matured as a community, and we want input into how the law treats us. We, the transgendered, want to formulate our own policy and law.*

Reject homophobia!
Reject racism!
Reject sexism!
Reject Shame!
Claim your history!
Contemplate non-operative options!
Resist divorce!
Become politically active!
And be in Houston for TRANSGEN94 this August!

Now, listen again to these words from the International Bill of Gender Rights, which is included in the *Proceedings*, and take these things home in your heart: "All human beings carry within themselves an ever-unfolding idea of who they are and what they are capable of achieving. The individual's sense of self is not determined by chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex, or initial gender role."

Thus, the individual's identity and capabilities cannot be circumscribed by what society deems to be masculine or feminine behavior. It is fundamental that individuals have the right to define, and to redefine as their lives unfold, their own gender identity, without regard to chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex or initial gender role.

Thank you.

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C. I am formulating the details for establishing a registry for all postoperative M-F individuals who have had breast augmentation with silicone or saline-filled implants. The registry will include those who had facial implants as well. In addition, the registry will include F-M individuals with penile or testicular implants. This project is still in the planning stages.

5. We recognize the tremendous value of conferences, seminars and lectures at colleges, universities and before other organizations, giving information to audiences that is accurate, and on a higher level than what often is offered in television programs. I congratulate those who do this, and once again, I extend to you our assistance here at IFGE. This organization is very happy to provide to you as many copies of very recently published *Tapestry* magazines as you want, to aid you in giving insight into our community. All that you will say and explain to those audiences will be fortified by a *Tapestry* for each person in that group. You would receive these *Tapestries* at no cost, and you would give them to individuals in your audience at no cost as well. Why not take advantage of this? Please, help us create a bigger window for the overall transgendered community. Tell us who you are scheduled to speak to, and the person in charge, a health-care or social professional. We need to establish liaison with them as well.

All of this is very important work, and I enjoy very much my involvement in it, but truly, I need *you*. You help me in your information exchange. You help me greatly in your various approaches to me. The ripple effect from what you share with me is always remarkable. I haven't words enough to emphasize how very important this informational exchange is. The reward of your help to me without doubt is eventual help to you.

Electrology

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One of the most effective procedures with AHA is a series of light professional cosmetic peals which contain salicylic acid, resorcinol, and lactic acid. A physician or esthetician can perform this peal monthly with a glycolic acid prep procedure. To maintain results, a bi-weekly routine of glycolic clinic peals, a potent oil-free sunblock, and a 10% glycolic home topical moisturizer should be used.

AHA also costs less and is more widely available through direct dispensers.

I have found that dramatic results can occur when a facial or extraction procedure is undertaken before starting an Alpha Hydroxy Acid or a glycolic program.

The purpose is to thoroughly clean out comedones (blackheads), milia (whiteheads), or lesions of all grades of acne.

You need to put some S.P.I.C.E. in your life!

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heartstrings of educators everywhere. I'll bet it also tickles the heartstrings of the parents that are not in the majority. I'm sure it wouldn't take long to find new meaning in the word *chaos.* It goes on to say, "...the sincerely held values and beliefs of citizens not be denigrated or denied..." That means the public school system would, by law, have to listen to and legitimize the belief system of every nutcake that comes through the door.

This paragraph concludes that gay or transgendered people's lifestyles cannot be presented as positive. Some of society's most positive, healthy, happy, constructive and contributing citizens also happen to be gay, or bi, or transgendered. Can you imagine how a gay, bi or transgendered child would feel if who and what they were was being taught to other children in a negative way? Can you imagine how a gay, bi or transgendered parent, or the son or daughter of a gay, bi, or transgendered person would feel? How would the other children react to that child? How would children taught to think like that react to gay, bi, or transgendered people? What kind of adults would these children grow up to be? To lie to our children and teach them prejudice is to absolutely guarantee that institutionalized bigotry will continue for yet another generation. Teachers would, by law, be required to lie to our children, and make it impossible for them to learn to respect other people's differences.

Paragraph six would require teachers to teach the principles of morality, truth, justice, temperance, and humanity, and to avoid falsehood. They just got done telling teachers they had to lie, and now they're telling them they have to tell the truth. ("I always tell the truth. I'm lying.") It is clear the authors of this initiative don't care about the truth. They want to define it. They tell a lie (gays and transgendered people are bad) and call it the truth. If enough people believe it, then they have gained the power to define conformity as well. Once they have gained that power, they can say anything they want about anybody. They can tell people who they are, what they are, what to think, how to be, what to believe, and what to do. Again, I'm reminded of Nazi Germany.

The rest of paragraph six is unadulterated nonsense, for reasons that I have already given. Basically, the authors of this initiative are not qualified to define what constitutes an ethical society, nor do they have any interest in protecting the rights of all citizens. They are also not qualified to define what is moral and what is not. I am not sure what criteria the authors are using to define morality, but I suspect they have their own private concept (and motives) and are using selected passages from the Bible to justify their position. My position is: Gay, bi and the transgendered are not immoral. People who use God and the Bible as weapons to hurt other people most definitely are.

Let me clarify my position. To define morality, we must have a universally accepted law, or imperative, or set of criteria. The equal rights and obligations I listed (life, happiness, peace-of-mind, personal balance, social harmony, spiritual balance, and equal opportunity) are just such a set. Supporting these rights is moral. Denying these rights to anyone is immoral. The biblical golden rule as it relates to loving your neighbor is a decent imperative. However, I believe the Native American imperative ***(Be in good relations with all things!)*** is better. This imperative not only mandates that we get along with each other, it mandates that we live in balance with the environment and with the Creator, or God. Clearly, the authors of the initiative are more concerned with who sleeps with whom and who wears what than they are with living in peace and harmony with other people. They would deny gay and transgendered people their happiness, peace-of-mind, personal balance, social harmony, and equal opportunity. They do not love their neighbors if their neighbors are gay or transgendered. They do not wish to be in good relations with gay or transgendered people. I suspect that is also true of anyone who doesn't look like, act like, think like, feel like, worship like, or have sex like them. That means the authors of the initiative are immoral. The initiative is immoral.

Paragraph seven makes it very clear just how immoral the authors of the Washington State Initiative really are. As I said earlier, homosexual, bisexual, transvestite and transsexual people exist. They are who and what they are, and are not going to stop being who and what they are no matter how repressive or cruel the society. Just look at some of the odious garbage that's in this paragraph. Gay and transgendered people would have no legal status or rights. They couldn't get married. Their partners would have no status. They couldn't have children or raise families. If they did have children, the children could be taken away. They would have no protection from discrimination. They would have no protection.

Paragraph eight is more of the same.

Paragraph nine justifies the initiative by saying it is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and morals. It is difficult for me to understand how destroying the lives of thousands of human beings (not only gay and transgendered people, but their families, their children, and their friends) can be necessary for the preservation of public peace.

The Washington State Initiative is unbelievably cruel. It makes no logical sense whatever, and it is terrifying. The reason it is so terrifying is the people of Washington just might vote for it. At a quick glance, it looks reasonable. Phrases like "equal rights, not special rights" can be appealing to the unsuspecting. So can terms like "equal justice," and "equal protection," and "well-being of a free society," and "morality, truth, justice, temperance, humanity and patriotism." In fact, it may sound so appealing that well-meaning people just might vote for it. Logic and humanity be damned.

IMPORTANT:
When writing to TV/TS *Tapestry Journal* please use your ZIP+4 Code with all of your correspondence !

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PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS COMMENT

To the Editor:

Imagine our reaction when our fourteen-year-old came home from school some four months ago to tell us, "I think I am transvestite, but I'm not sure." His sex education teacher had just taught them that all people are different and that many people are finding a new freedom in exploring variances in sex and gender. His teacher went on to explain the difference between sex and gender and define homosexuality, heterosexuality, transvestism, transsexualism and transgenderism in terms the children could understand and empathize with.

Jon had been dressing up in his sister's clothes all this time (and with her help) while his father and I had been tied up on Friday night business seminars. By last Thanksgiving he had taken to complete crossdressing, and his year-older sister had been making up his face and playing with his hair.

We immediately scheduled and interview with Jon's sex education teacher who referred us to a wonderfully sensitive and loving professional counsellor experienced in these matters. We have been in family therapy for the past three months, and we are all adjusting to our new family. We seem not to have lost a son, but somehow to have gained another lovely daughter. Professional counselling has made all the difference in educating our family and learning to accept Jon's needs and wants as being real and not fantasies.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if *Tapestry* could run a column just for mothers and fathers and children who have a need for communication, but don't really see themselves in a typical support group.

If all the TV/TS/TGs out there would lend some of their energies and knowledge to the needs of the younger generation, we could quickly dispel feelings of guilt and shame and false understandings that all CDs are gay, etc. I wonder what the reaction would be if a number of support groups invited a number of local sex education teachers to be special guests at one of their meetings. They would respond as a group.

Thanks to long-established open communication in our family, our son was able to come our of the closet early in his CD experience. Thanks to an effective public school sex education teacher, he could do this without feelings of guilt or shame. Thanks to a wonderfully understanding professional counsellor, our family has adjusted to a new daughter and we are loving her!

How blessed we are that Jon told us himself and we didn't find out about it from somebody outside the family. Love, honesty, education and patience are the solution, NOT denial, scolding, or ostracizing and humiliation!

Sincerely,

Alice

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To the Editor:

It was just a year-and-a-half ago that my son and his wife invited me to attend a session of family counselling with them. My first thought was, Oh, Lord, not a divorce, for they had enjoyed a happy and successful marriage for fifteen years, and seemed to have all the material fixings that go with success: fine home, good job, two wonderful sons doing well in school, friends and a sex life the envy of others in the family.

This was my introduction to my youngest grandson's exploration of a second self, and my first awareness that crossdressing was not right or wrong, just some children's way of being themselves. With older generation background and limited knowledge of sex and gender variances, I didn't know how I was going to be able to cope. I did know that nothing takes a higher priority than love when it comes to meeting life's surprises, and I resolved to learn how to help love Toby through this behavior.

I met with the counsellor, a wonderfully sensitive and caring psychologist, for four sessions with the family, and decided to take another four sessions just for me. I realized that it wasn't only Toby who would be transitioning, it was all of us. We cut Toby some space to be Suzanne, and we are learning to love her all over again as a female. Suzanne has enriched our lives a hundredfold, and we have not entirely lost Toby, either.

I have discovered the daughter and granddaughter I always prayed for, and the loneliness of old age has been filled with this lively, loving teenager. So please, parents finding themselves in this situation, talk it all over with your therapist and try to find a time and a place to share this with grandparents. I know this cannot always be done, but when it can be done it is worth all the money in the world to the grandparents.

I have been Suzanne's mentor and refuge from the storm through school vacations and a good part of

last summer. I have provided her with the privacy, security, and affection little girls and young ladies need. She has spoiled me with girl talk, jazzed up my wardrobe, and showered me with love. We have baked cookies together, done the mall, sewn a skirt, arranged floral bouquets for church functions, and kept me active enough to drop 13 pounds in that time!

Suzanne will be flying down to spend spring break with me, and I can hardly wait. John and Mary, thank you for trusting grandma enough and loving her enough to let her be a part of this all, and for sharing your new daughter. There must be hundreds of other grandparents out there shut out without a clue of what's happening, and without any opportunity to help. When you are ready to reach out and trust, think of grandmas first!

Support group hint: Why not have an annual Grandparents' Night?

Sincerely,

Emily J.
Florida

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REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

To the Editor:

I receive many letters each day, week, month, and year and none has ever touched me like this one did. I have tried for over ten years to reach into the closets and reach the person that is feeling alone and unworthy. This came to light again this month, March 1994, when I was following up on an old mailing list. I was using the mailing to update and attempt to contact old customers and persons that I have not heard from in quite awhile. I usually get back a large percentage of Box Closed or Moved-Forward Expired, but when I opened this letter I was devastated. I only share this letter with you because WE ALL need to do more in the outreach area. Vendors, club members, even those who do not participate in organized clubs, WE ALL need to try to reach the people like the one described in the letter I received. I have omitted some information, and changed the name. Most of you know me and understand that this is an honest effort to open your eyes and take that extra step through whatever means you have: computer BBS, letters to the editor, letters to Dear Abby, or any of the other publications, adult or regular.

Here is the letter. Please read it and soak up all the feelings. It will never leave your mind.

February 28, 1994

You say it has been a long time since you have heard from my son. Well, I guess it has been. You say you would like to have him back with you. Well, so would I. We found him dead . . . Your letter opened a lot of wounds again. My husband did not know of our son's crossdressing until we found him dead. In a wedding dress, no less. I really feel sorry for the young and old who find the need to crossdress and the erotic sex that goes along with crossdressing. Please don't send anymore mail to our home.

Thank you,

Mother of John Smith

Well, there it is. My hands still shake every time I read it. What could I have done differently to stop the tragedy? What could you have done to stop it?

I am not trying to point blame on any one of us, but maybe, just maybe, one of us, you or I, could have said one sentence to him to help him understand that he is not alone. We are a community, and it is important that we all reach out, touch each other and say, "I am okay, we are okay, you are okay."

Well, enough of my preaching. Please, do not destroy this letter. Put it in a place where you can read it, see it, remind you about where you were as a young man, how you felt. Did you feel alone, different, maybe even suicidal? Not everyone is strong enough to stand up through that kind of pressure.

Sincerely,

Dave Nurmi

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A CAUTION, AND SOMETHING ELSE TO TRY

To the Editor:

When I first read Mary Lynne White's article in issue #66, my reaction was one of surprise. I thought, Does this woman really believe we have to act like little girls to enjoy our womanhood? I went down her Play List, and couldn't believe some of her suggestions: fingerpaint, bodypaint, Simon Says, play jacks (things I found boring even before the days of video games).

The most troubling of all the suggestions on the list was playing with a young child. I can only assume she meant in one's feminine attire. I would like to suggest this needs to be addressed immediately. It is my opinion that we cannot advocate such behavior by crossdressers (I am intentionally excluding pre- and post-operative transsexuals in this statement). The CD lifestyle is an adult one, and little children should not be exposed to it in the least. We have too much to lose to have a potential abuse case in our community. We are a vulnerable group, and even an innocent hug could be misinterpreted and set back the entire community's struggle for rights ten years or more. Let's not advocate playing with matches.

Having blown off some steam, let me further state that there is another side to this story. The point is we need to continually invent or reinvent ways to enjoy ourselves. I am sure all Mary Lynne meant to convey was that there are plenty of simple little tasks we can do to have fun and enrich our lives. How we enjoy ourselves is a moot point in the article. To having fun, I say, Right on, sister! I would like to challenge your readers to a mini contest to see who can come up with the best idea for something fun (but safe and moral) for a crossdresser to do. Here's mine:

Although I have had moments of crossdressing throughout my life, I have only begun to collect my own wardrobe and makeup over the past six or seven months. I was naïve in the beginning to the number of salons and boutiques there were for the crossdresser, so my initial feminization training was from reading fashion and beauty magazines in a dark corner in the library. I learned a lot back then, and felt I was very passable as long as I didn't have to speak as a woman. The girl I saw in the mirror pleased me. I hardly recognized myself, but I couldn't help wondering if I were being objective enough. So I set a trap for an unknowing friend. I took some Polaroids and slipped one into the family album. A few days later I showed him the album and the picture of my "cousin." He commented, "The women in your family certainly got all the looks!" He seemed sincere, but I couldn't help wondering if he wasn't just playing along to be nice. I decided to take my best Polaroid to the mall and have some enlargements made. Walking through the mall I passed a caricature artist. Here was the ultimate test: an artist! A person who studies facial features for a living. If he couldn't tell the girl in the picture and the guy hiring him were the same person, my confidence would be boosted ten-fold. I gave the picture to him with a cover story ready in case he picked up on the resemblance. When he asked if the photo were of my wife or girlfriend (as opposed to asking about my sister) I knew I had passed. Then, without any prompting, he drew me as a secretary with a killer body. I was blushing with pride. He obviously picked up on how much I liked the drawing, but I am positive he never suspected he had drawn a crossdresser. I used to think these one-hour drawings were a waste of money, but I can't tell you how much pleasure mine brings me, knowing someone else saw the real woman in my soul.

Try it, it's certainly worth the twenty bucks.

Sincerely,

Diane

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MORE THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT

To the Editor:

It has been a little over a year since I have come to know myself as a woman. I need not mention that this discovery has been the result of a process that began at age five, or perhaps before birth. Most of us in the T-community have similar stories to tell.

What confuses and sometimes angers me is the on-going controversy over whether or not a TS can be a "real woman" (or "real man" as it would concern those on the more neglected side of the coin). Having been told by a friend that I'll never be anything but a fake woman, being told that I should find a new church to worship in, and encountering resistance at work, I find the debate within the gender community itself to be quite discouraging.

We all realize that nothing is going to give me life as it would be if I had been born a genetic woman, yet, does that make my assertion of womanhood any less real? I can feel much of the same hurt that an infertile genetic female might feel, and the cries of the unattractive are my cries, too.

I cannot and will not accept that I am somehow inferior to a "real woman." My experience may differ in subtle and not so subtle ways, but I am convinced that I am every bit as real a woman as those who are never asked to prove it. It is only the narrow-minded attitudes of bureaucrats, religious bigots, and the deliberately ignorant which say I am not.

Sincerely,

Debra
Ohio

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AN OPINION SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN

To the Editor:

Break out the weapons! Get yourself a good, solid baseball bat and join us! If you don't have one, a rough piece of two-by-four will do just as well, especially if it has couple of rusty nails in it. And don't forget those hobnailed boots. Boy, there's nothing like having those on when you get your enemy down. As for that Fascist paper, *Tapestry*, maybe we'll go over there and break a few windows just to show them how we feel!

Don't mind me, folks, I'm just adding fuel to the fight. Bi-booted Davina has a short fuse, and it looks like Sister Bruzzese may even have a shorter one. I think these two will go toe-to-toe on this and fill the pages of *Tapestry* for months to come. It reminds me of the letters people used to send to the *Daily News*. It was the favorite part of the paper in those days, and the sleepy commuters in the subway on their way to work would take sides.

"All you Flatbush girls have fat asses," one warrior would write, signing himself Bronx Jimmy. The next day a reader signing herself Flatbush Girl would reply, "I never saw a Bronx broad who had a decent pair of boobs!" This combat would go on for days with endless numbers of partisans taking one side or the other. I found out later on that the whole thing was a fake. The editor of the page would start the controversy by making up a provocative comment and start the ball rolling to keep the circulation of the paper going as well as the circulation of the readers. They also had a column called the Inquiring Photographer. He would roam the streets asking people questions and snap their photo at the same time. More often, he would go to some bar, line up five or six drunks and make the whole thing up. I myself appeared in the column no less than six times with various names and professions, including mortician which, regretfully, I was not as I would have made a lot more money than I did at the time.

But, to get back to our two contestants who at this moment may be polishing the edges of their switchblades, I wonder if Dangerous Davina might have made her point just as effectively without

trashing *Tapestry* or her opponent. A simple statement like, "After reading your article, I would like to say that I disagree completely with everything you wrote, and I intend to refute it point by point." I think this is as effective as what she wrote. It makes its point with forcefulness without having to commit a murder. It shows that we can conduct ourselves like intelligent people and not like street fighters. I can assure you that there are a lot of people out there who would be delighted if you did stamp Sister Bruzzese to hamburger. It would simply reinforce their pre-existing opinion of us as a bunch of crazy weirdos the world would be better off without.

I think Daring Davina ought to calm down and come off her high horse so as to make her point intelligently and without rant. Personally, I reread both articles and I think both of them are writing from each of their limited experiences without any solid research. I hope by saying this that I am not putting my life in danger. As a completely unlicensed physician, I prescribe ten readings of Jenny Sand's article in issue #67, and in between those, if the patient's temperature shows and increase, a couple of concentrated doses of the article by Nancy Nangeroni. After which the antagonists can put their poison pens to work and continue their discussion. I assure you I will give them all our attention.

Sincerely,

Helene H.

PS: Can anyone tell me where I could buy a cheap bullet-proof vest?

WHEN THE LIGHT GOES ON...

To the Editor:

The editorial in issue #66 along with the article by Cori Hess inspired this letter. In 1976 I became a born-again Christian. For the next four years my life was deepest hell I had ever experienced. Their view of God and reality is a hideous brainwash trip generated from a foundation of deep insecurity, fear, neurotic behavior and beliefs, all of which leads to a horribly narrow-minded view. "The World," is everybody who is not one of them, and therefore dominated and controlled by Satan. You must conform to "The Image of Christ," which really means: you gotta act like us, talk like us, hold the same thoughts in your head that we do, and be governed by them. This is the method of subliminal rule by intimidation, fear, role model, and subtle but powerful suggestion by omission (a real born again Christian *never* listens to secular music nor even allows it in his house).

These people are zombyized victims of serious brainwash, passing it on to others in the same manner that it was laid on them, brainwashed into a blind, stupid, fear-oriented state. This is the nature of fanatically driven fundamentalism. The religious right is fed by this mindset. They're out to make everybody like them!!!

In the past 17 years, I have gone through two periods of hating God. The second one was recent, and four years in length. I even denounced Christ as my Savior because He didn't measure up. At the end of the above-mentioned period of four years, I denounced and totally rejected everything and everybody religious in connection with the past four years. It worked. I felt myself turning back into a human being instead of a wretched miserable thing. When I denounced Christ recently, I felt relieved and unburdened, but I still hated God! I wasn't satisfied. I had to examine, and dig deep into this feeling until I found what was still eating away at me. It was more of the born-again attitude which builds a super-dependency on (their version of God) at the expense of healthy self-reliance and self worth! I was not denouncing Christ as much as I was cleaning house of leftover, sick religiosity.

None of the born-again people ever knew about my being a TV. The entire religious experience generated madness beyond anything else I had ever experienced before or since. The rest of life got slammed into a tiny corner totally overwhelmed by the religious madness. Confiding in those people was unthinkable. I knew they had layer after layer of phoniness about them, but here I was among these people after accepting Christ, and not being able to stand them because they were so weird, a lot weirder than any of us gender benders, and yet I had been saved, and I was supposedly one of them by God's moving on my life. Do you see the nature of the deadly dilemma? Putting them out of my life was like turning my back on God. It took desperation to blow the religiosity out of my life.

Today I have no part in any organized religion. The doctrine I believe (the *only* Christian doctrine I find tenable) is from the Layman's Home Missionary Movement, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. I do not attend any church, nor do I belong to any fellowship. I do receive the *Grace and Lace* newsletter from Lee Frances in Mississippi.

Fanatic fundamentalism is deadly. I know very well, having been a victim of it. God does love unconditionally. Truth stands, lies fall, and God will *never* support lies, hatred, bigotry, ego trips, self-righteousness, nor any group of persons persecuting in His name. I have only to ask myself, "What is healing?" Acceptance is healing. Rejection, denial, oppression, and persecution are not healing. My choice is the healing side, not the hating side.

Sincerely,

Tina
New York

ONE EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET THE WORD OUT

To the Editor:

I recently saw a couple of talk shows on crossdressing and was upset by what I saw. I sent them letters explaining why I felt the way I did and referred them to IFGE and Tri-Ess in hopes they would contact you and get the facts. I have enclosed copies of the letters if they should contact you.

Your sister,

Jeannie

The Montel Williams Show
1500 Broadway, Suite 700
New York NY 10036

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am a 44 year-old, heterosexual male-to-female crossdresser, and I have just finished watching and enjoying your show on cross-dressing fantasies. I was fascinated with how similar Peggy, the one woman who was separated from her husband was to my ex-wife. I found everything on the show entertaining and accurate. I especially appreciated the comments by your guests that cross-dressing itself is not sick, and that more public education is needed, and that 90% of crossdressers are heterosexual. However, I was disappointed that you didn't do more to help that education. I'm glad that you stated that your guests who needed counselling would be referred to the appropriate experts, but what about the many crossdressers who are still closeted and have no idea where to turn? Also, since I have been the recipient of counselling by people who had little or no experience with transgenderism, I am concerned about the qualifications of the therapists they are referred to.

These are sore subjects with me. I have been crossdressing to some degree for about the past 30 years. Except for the past year, I was deeply in the closet, alone in what I did, had no idea of where to turn for help. (Ironically, I have a BS in psychology, but it is from a fundamentalist Christian college, so you can imagine how much good that did me.) I was both ashamed and guilty for what I was because of society's attitudes about crossdressing. I also feared for my marriage and my job. Because of the guilt and shame, I had a very low self-esteem. That made me a poor person, husband, and father. Until recently, the only crossdressing I saw was the female impersonators and gay drag queens in the media. The only place near my home I might find any information on crossdressing was the adult book stores. The only place I might see a crossdresser was a gay bar. I don't drink, smoke, dance, or like loud music, so I don't go into any kind of bar. The few times I went to adult book stores, all I found was trash. I gave up on finding anything in public libraries.

A few years ago, shows like yours started featuring crossdressers of various types. I rarely got the chance to watch, because my wife would freak if I showed that kind of interest. The few I did see rarely mentioned books or support groups, and the few that did never had addresses or phone numbers. I am sorry to say your show followed the same pattern. Someone watching who needs and wants help is out of luck.

Speaking of luck, it was blind luck that enabled me to find a support group. The Society for the Second Self, or Tri-Ess, is a national support group for heterosexual male-to-female crossdressers and their spouses or significant others. It is set up like a sorority system with local chapters. I'm enclosing their brochure.

Since April of this year, I have been a member of Tri-Ess and Alpha Zeta, its local chapter here. Although my self-esteem had started to improve after my divorce two years ago, it wasn't until I discovered other people like me and gained access to literature about the subject that I was able to make significant gains. I have now accepted myself for what I am, and realized that my crossdressing is not sick, just different. I'm still closeted as far as family and work are concerned, but it is now because of concern for my family's feelings (they aren't ready to be told yet) and because I NEED my job. Otherwise, when I go out en femme, I go just about anywhere I want.

The reason I'm telling you this is that my story is typical of probably thousands of men similar to me, still in the closet, with no idea of how to get help. Many are socially dysfunctional because of their desperation, have low self-esteem, stealing (because they don't know how to get the clothing they need, or are too afraid to buy it), in destroyed or failing marriages, abusing substances, etc., because they do not realize that they aren't alone in what they are and do. Too often talk shows depict a somewhat seamy picture. You were more realistic, but still didn't go far enough.

Carol Beecroft, Executive Director and one of the founders of Tri-Ess, has appeared on many talk shows. I first saw her on Geraldo, and got to meet her last May. I am sending her a copy of this letter in hopes that you and she can get together to finish what your excellent show started, and let both crossdressers and their significant others know where to turn for help and support. Another organization you may want to contact is the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE). I am sending them a copy of this letter, too. They are more open than Tri-Ess in that they deal with transsexuals, transgenderists, male-to-female and female-to-male, etc. They publish a magazine called Tapestry *that is by and about transvestites and transsexuals. Tri-Ess puts out Femme Mirror, a newsletter for their membership.*

A member of your audience commented that if men were going to dress as ladies, they need to look and act like them. I was amused by that statement because it is exactly the way I feel. When I am out in public, I dress and act like a lady. I don't want to make the image of crossdressers any worse than it already is. Curiously enough, the older crossdresser, Kathy, who was on your show was probably the one who could have gotten away with going out in public even though she isn't that passable. Her conservative attire and more feminine behavior will attract less attention.

I realize the ratings game greatly determines the subject matter of your shows. However, mentioning a source people could write to or call would not have detracted from tonight's show, and it would have been an important service for people who need it. When and if you decide to do another show on crossdressing, I hope you will contact the groups I have mentioned.

Sincerely,

Gene "Jeannie"

Poetry Corner

PURGING

by Gwendolyn Alynna Spencer

Purging my feminine identity,
But to no avail.
I discovered my soul
Wasn't for sale.
All that time wasted, now I see
The woman who has always
been me.

NO TIME

by Gwendolyn Alynna Spencer

The flames are getting nearer
Freedom is a dying light.
There's no time to bicker,
No time to fight!
It's time to educate
Or give up your fate.
Don't hang around for assistance!
No one's going to help!
Get out and help yourself!

PAUL BUNYAN'S SHOE

it could be Paul Bunyan's shoe

or maybe worn on the tough muscle
lumberjackin bigfoot of some mean old ugly
tree stomper/kicker leaner-than-lean bad
old hoarse cutter-downer of the tall trees

but no question

it is a big old rawhidey mean down & dirty,
heavier than heavy and manliest up around
the ankle shoe thick leather thong laced,
made for kickin hard and stomping and
tree-cuttin and just beatin up/knockin down
whomsoever whensoever and a beer or two
or three is absolutely OK

got it fella? —

and goddamn...it must be twice the size
(at least) of the little red pump with the
3" heel that I also wear

slipping so easily into a very most wonderful
of all,light free flip all graceful gentle and
you might say dancing kind of loveliest
feeling (only fun really knows)

that I can almost never never ever
at any and all otherwise times
even
begin to
find...

- Bobbi

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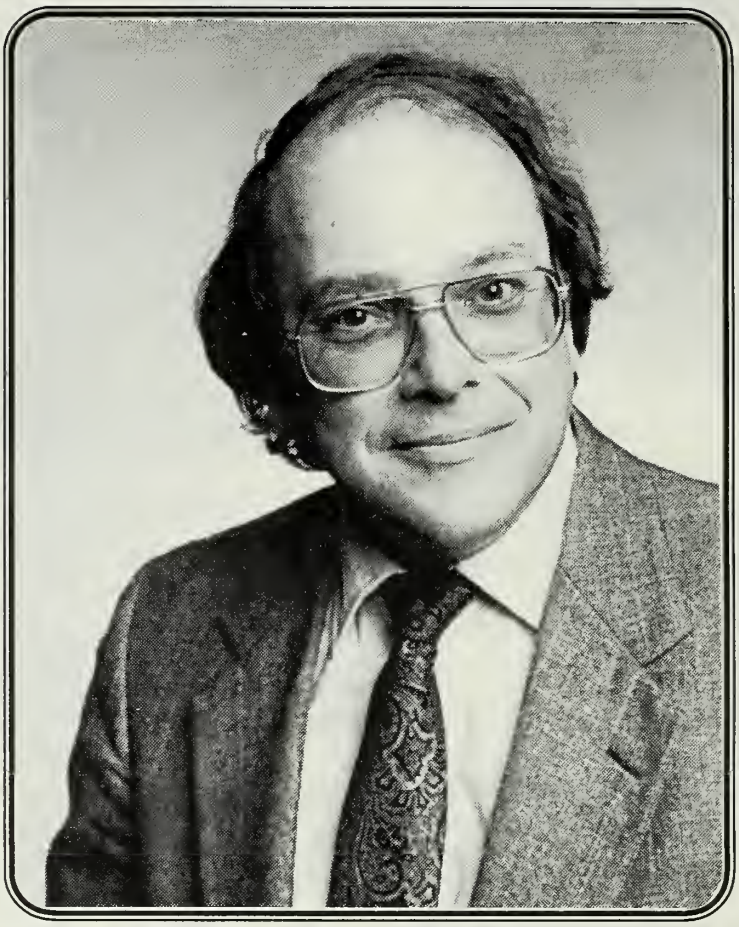


Dr. Roger Peo Passes Away

At 7.00am, Thursday, April 7, Dr. Roger Peo, noted sexologist and longtime friend of the gender community, passed away quietly at his home in Poughkeepsie, New York, less than two months after being diagnosed with lung and bone cancer.

Dr. Peo was the author of the popular articles on gender issues, Roger's Notebook. He was intimately and actively involved in the International Foundation for Gender Education from its very beginning. He was a member of its first Board of Directors, starting in 1987. In 1988 he began programs for the helping professional that he presented at the Coming Together – Working Together conventions. In 1992 he laid the groundwork for IFGE to participate in the annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association. Roger Peo's foresight in this area has borne substantial fruit as IFGE has appeared at that convention since then, has had members present papers on gender issues there, and has appeared at the convention of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists as well.

In an unprecedented move in recognition of Dr. Peo's many contributions and achievements, the IFGE Board of Directors dedicated the eighth annual Coming Together – Working Together convention to him. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, IFGE Founding Director, said, "In addition to his many personal contributions to our community, Roger was a pioneer for building bridges between our community and the professional community. Because of that, and because of the importance of continuing his efforts to build bridges, I am proposing to the IFGE Nominations and Awards Committee that we establish a new award. This award would be named in his honor, and be given to a helping professional who has served our community far beyond his or her professional responsibilities. This award will ensure that Roger's work will be continued, and his many contributions will never be forgotten."

Roger Peo was the featured speaker at the Tiffany Club of New England's First Event just this January.

A memorial service was held in Poughkeepsie, New York on April 17 at the Unitarian Church. Dr. Sheila Kirk gave a eulogy on behalf of the transgendered community. Condolences may be sent to Victoria Peo, P O Box 3445, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Gender Outlaws

Kate Bornstein with David Harrison

Interviewed by Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni with Mariette Pathy Allen

Nancy: Kate, as a longtime member of this community, were you ever a *Tapestry* subscriber?

Kate: Oh no, I was a *Tapestry* sneaky buyer, I would buy it and look at the ads, and just wish, and wish, and wish...I wish I could have had the courage to go through with crossdressing when I was a boy.

Mariette: When I met you in Philadelphia, weren't you part of a community there?

Kate: Yes, that was later, and there was some kind of crossdressing group in New Jersey, Cherry Hill or something, and you were photographing them at the time, and I was going through my 'Madonna wannabe' stage, you know, lace and leather and all that stuff.

Nancy: David, where do you come from?

David: I've lived in Canada and I've been here for 15 years. I lived with a Lesbian for about 15 years, and about 10 years ago I did something called SF Sex Information which was really my first introduction to differently-gendered people. That was the first time I thought about myself possibly, but then I just chucked it away. What happened in the meantime is I became a professional dominatrix. Actually, a lot of my clients were crossdressers. And I was also involved with some other Male-to-Female transsexuals back then. But I think what helped me go through this change was that being with Kate made it safe for me to actually deal with the issues. I've been around it for awhile, but it was very, very difficult to face it for myself.

Mariette: How did you and Kate meet?

Kate: In my show, *Hidden, A Gender...*

David: Yea, I saw a flyer for it and what really impressed me was, "Wow, here's a transsexual writing, doing a performance piece about being transsexual." I was about to start working on my first play about being a Dominatrix, and I thought "Wow, here's somebody who's getting out there revealing secrets and taboos," and I thought, "Whoa, I have to go see this." I went to see it and it just blew my socks off. I thought she had incredible courage to do this and her writing was brilliant and her acting was brilliant and I thought, "Have to meet her," and, "Should I or shouldn't I?" I just showed up backstage and said, "Hi," and we exchanged phone numbers and she said, "Maybe we should get together for tea sometime." She called me up the next day and we got together and had tea, and hung out, and then we saw each other every day after that. That was on the Winter Solstice just under four years ago.

Nancy (to Kate): I noticed that you were sort of charmingly embarrassed when he was talking about you being very open about your inner self on the stage and writing about your inner self. Are you exhibitionist but shy about being exhibitionist?

Kate: I don't think I'm an exhibitionist. I think I perform because it's a talent I have and it's something I do well. I feel good when I do it and there are times when I really believe I'm good at it. But when I say something like this new show *Virtually Yours,* I mean, I had no idea that people would really like it. All my other work had been so specifically about the 'transgendered experience,' and this

(Kate Bornstein has been writing and performing on tour drama that has substantial relevance to the transgender community, *Hidden, A Gender* and *Virtually Yours.* Her new book, *Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women and the Rest of Us* will be available from IFGE in June for $23.00 plus $1.50 for shipping. David Harrison also writes and performs for the theater, *FTM,* among others. Mariette Pathy Allen has been studying the gender community through the lens of a camera for a number of years. Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni is Director of the Society of Crossdressing Hardware Engineers, and is actively involved in the gender community.)

Photo credit: Mariette Pathy Allen

was much more about love and relationships. Yes, there is a transgender core to it, but that's just because of who I am. It just blows me away when people like the stuff. It's the stuff I've been most afraid to talk about all my life. It's the stuff I've been most afraid of in life about myself. To put that up on stage, you know, probably expects rotten tomatoes.

Nancy: Because this doesn't affect anyone else, of course. (laughter)

Kate: Right. It's the internalized phobia that goes on.

David: When I saw *Hidden, A Gender* originally, I went backstage and I didn't know what to say except that it was great, and she looked at me as if to say "You really liked it?" What really warmed my heart to her was that she had just done this marvelous piece of work, and she was so unassuming about it.

Mariette (to Kate): What is your book about?

Kate: It's called *Gender Outlaw, on Men, Women and the Rest of Us*. It asks three questions, What is a man, What is a woman, and Why do we have to be one or the other? Nobody asks those questions in the culture. I run into people every day who ask you those questions, people in our community. David asks those questions. I think it's one of the reasons we get along so well; we just don't try to label each other.

David: We play around with it, kind of tongue in cheek.

Kate: But I want to enter those questions into the fabric of the culture. That would be nifty. I would like to see the result of this—if there were such a thing as "transgender fame"—I would like to be on the cover of *Time* magazine as the first not-man-, not-woman-of-the-year. That's what the book's about, it lays out a theory of gender that says it's *fine* to be a man, it's *fine* to be a woman, as long as you really decide that, as long as you take everything into account. Why do it non-consensually? Why do it based on pressure?

David: I think we have such a wonderful opportunity to discover other things beyond what we've been taught there is in this culture. I think it's a pity when people feel they have to go from one little box into another little box without seeing that there's a whole world out there. There's a world of possibilities, and it's just such a wonderful opportunity to redefine one's self. For instance, I'm having to look at things about being a man in this world that I'm not particularly thrilled about, so I've got to think, "Well, if I'm going to be some sort of man, what kind of man do I want to be?" Maybe that includes having had all these years of female socialization, some of which I'm very happy that I've had. For me, it's an integration process. Maybe I'm not a man in the way somebody else might be a man, but I'm something else, I'm making the choice and not trying to fit into someone else's definition. Sometimes it's hard to maintain that balance, but it's a wonderful process of discovery, shaping my life according to how I want to shape it.

Nancy: Kate, you're going to be touring your show around. You said it was about ...

Kate: It's about love and death, that's how we grow. You see all this kind of stuff in nature; you see a snake shedding its skin, crabs losing their claws and growing new ones, people breaking up and getting back together or getting together with someone new. What does that do? What is it about a relationship like David and me? We've gone from being an S/M lesbian couple to a kind of vanilla het [heterosexual] couple to...maybe tutti-frutti. Then we've gone to saying, "OK, we're just going to take a little break here, but we're not breaking up. We're just trying to redefine our relationship outside of what the dominant ideology has given us as an option, which is straight or gay. I mean, I'm attracted to transgendered people. That turns me on a lot. I love that. The difference is when you think you're with a person of one gender and then they go "Uh oh, guess what?" It's kind of like instant karma.

Nancy: I bet there's a lot of wives out there who are nodding their heads and going "Yup."

Kate: Well, it's true. One of the things I noticed when I was transitioning is that there's never any voice for the partner. There's really very few voices for the partner out there. And I thought "Isn't that a shame, isn't that a shame?" and I guess I thought that strong enough that the universe said "OK, here you go, you don't have any alternative to be a voice for that," and that's what this show's about. It's the voice of someone who is partners of a TS, who happens to be TS themselves. When I was sitting down to write the show, just the way the show began, I had no idea what to write. It was David that gave me the idea. He said, "Well, what really do you need to say?" and I said, "I need to talk about how afraid I am." And he said, "So, good. Personify your fears." He did this for me. I said, "All right, what are my fears?" And my fears are like, "Am I going to become my mother, and all her values?...Am I just going to end up so sad that I'm just gonna kill myself?...Is there a way I can actually fantasize?" It's just a series of fears, and then you try to figure out, well, what's an interesting way to put those across on stage? And what I did was take some characters like Diane Arbus who, to me, personifies sadness.

Nancy: I'm not familiar with Diane Arbus. Can you tell me who she is?

Kate: A very famous black-and-white photographer of the '50s and '60s...

Mariette: And she's known in the gender community for a lot of work that she's done with freaks and transgender and insane and stereotypes.

Kate: She's one of the first serious photographers of us.

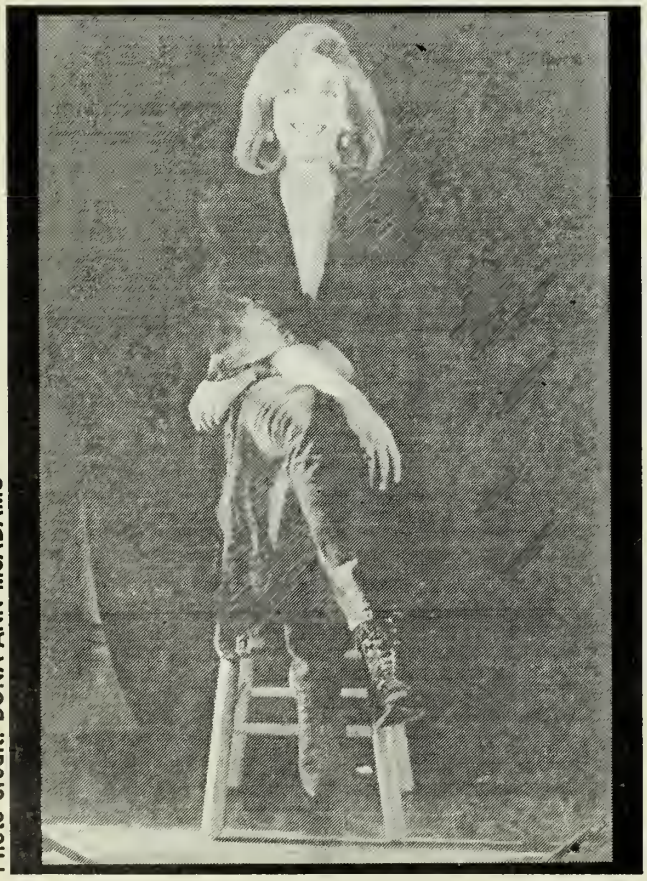
Mariette: I always thought of them as self-portraits.

Kate: EXACTLY. (As Diane) *Now you know why I never take a self-portrait.*

David: I always think of photographs anyway as being more of an expression of the photographer, more of a reflection of the photographer than anything separate.

Nancy: David, you're working on a new play, aren't you?

David: Yes, it's called *FTM*. It's basically about the first year of transition. It also involves breast cancer; I had that a year and a half ago; and my mother did, too. So it basically talks about the first year of transition with the one Female-to-Male character. And there's a woman who goes through breast cancer, and she has a mastectomy and is given testosterone, and she goes through a gender change non-consensually, which is what happened to my mother. The thing is ironic, and it actually got, for a number of years, to where I stayed away 'cause I didn't want to go on testosterone because I didn't want to be violent, which is what happened to her. It was a whole deal for her. It was very traumatic. But for me, it's a blessing. So these stories are juxtaposed. With the FTM character, a lot of it is spoken through dreams which is how I came to make the decision finally to do this because it was like there was this dripping tap for years, drip, drip, these feelings came up. And some dreams started happening, and it was just like turning a faucet on and it would just not stop. There's so much stuff in the media about the "sex change operation," that's what they always say, that most people think of it as such an external thing. The changes *are* physical, but there's so much that we live with for so many years inside, and that's what I want to bring out onto the stage, to give people access to that inner world. And to perhaps build some bridges to see beyond just the physical. To take a walk around in this person's world. And this is basically the first year.



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Nancy: Where people be able to see it?

David: Possibly in Boston, and New York. I'll probably let people know through *Tapestry*. It's opening in May in San Francisco.

Nancy: And Kate, you'll be in New York in June?

Kate: Yes, New York in June, then up and down the east coast and Canada. And probably over to Manchester and London in the winter.

Nancy: And when's your book coming out?

Kate: The book'll be coming out first week in June.

Nancy: Is IFGE going to be carrying that, will they be able to sell it?

Kate: I sure hope so. The book is interesting, it has the script to my first play *Hidden, A Gender* in it.

Nancy: And you also talked about bringing your first play to Boston?

Kate: Second play, *The Opposite Sex Is Neither.*

Nancy: We're out of time for you, David, but you guys are both on Internet, isn't that right?

Kate: Speaking for myself, I love receiving Email, and my address is OutlawGal@aol.com.

David: And mine is PeterPants@aol.com.

Kate: I think this whole idea of virtual identities online is so important because people are playing with identities online. Just the same way we're playing with identities with our bodies.

Nancy: And I want to bring up the way that you used the computer and technology in your show.

What is a *Man*,
What is a *Woman*,
and why do *we*
have to be
one or the other?

Kate: I think you can get online and be whatever you want to be, you can be whoever you want to be. You can be whatever gender, whatever race, whatever age, whatever sexual persuasion, whatever species. I love it. I play Star Trek games, and I play several species, a Romulan in one game, I'm from Turkana IV in another, I've been a Genaiyan, which is the race that has no gender, so you know I've been all these different species. You can do that. What I wanted to do with this piece *Virtually Yours* which is touring now is show how you can, and so the device getting from one character to the other is a fictional CD ROM interactive video game called Virtually Yours which allows you to create personas based on your own worst fears and then walk inside them. So in the course of one evening I can be Diane Arbus, I can be my mother, I can be Greta Garbo, I can be Valerie Solanas, the woman who shot Andy Warhol, I can be a hot S/M bottom.

Nancy: That was exciting...

Kate: But what's really important, you have someone like Melanie Phillips - have you heard of her?

Nancy: No.

Kate: Amazing woman. She started up a gender forum on America Online, and there are about 3-400 people subscribing to this gender forum. When I was coming up through the ranks, and trying to figure out what the fuck I was, there was no place to talk with people. But you can go online in complete anonymity and say, "What do I do when...?"

Nancy: And you can read other people's conversations if you're too shy to ask the questions. Other people are asking them for you. You can just listen in.

Kate: Exactly. You don't have to put your real name on there, you can hide behind whatever name you want. It's a way to come out gently. This yanking people out of the closets or saying we all have to come out, that's all well and good. I believe we all have to come out, eventually. That's what has to happen. But I think everybody has their own pace, and everybody has their own route to doing that. And I think that this online culture is a very safe way to do that.

David: It's a good place to test the waters.

Kate: And I talk about that in my book. I think the future of gender is being played out right now online, where people are saying "Whoops, I think I'll be a man today...I think I'll be a woman today..." They do that online.

Nancy: And that's very scary to people, the idea that we're going to be able to be more flexible with regard to gender and sexuality. I think that scares them.

Kate: Well, flexibility at all scares the mainstream.

David: One of my on-screen names is Lola Lola, and when I got on there one day there was a flurry of instant messages, and this one guy who came on and said "Oh Lola, is it in the song?" And he said, "Are you a man or a woman?" and I said, "Yes," and he just could not get it. It totally determined how he was going to relate to me, he had to know, and I refused to tell him. Well, I have to go to work now. Thank you very much.

Nancy: Thank you so very much. (Exit David.)

Kate: I need to say just one more thing, 'cause there's a new word that's come up through the technology of this online culture, and the word is MorF [pronounced morf]. It comes from the first question people usually ask you, M or F? So if you MorF somebody, you're asking them whether they're male or female. And so David and I both answer yes, usually. Or no, depending on how we're feeling that day. And I think that's kinda cool.

Nancy: Tell us more about the book.

Kate: Well, what I'm happy about doing this book, it's the first book by a transgendered person about the subject of gender which is not strictly autobiographical. While it has autobiographical stories to illustrate points, and I try to keep a sense of humor through it, it's more of what's life from *our* side, *our* point of view, people who are in the gender community. That it's me, OK that's fine, that's not important. What is important, I think, for people to realize is that the world is ready for this book, that the book is actually getting published by a mainstream publisher, Routledge, which is a very respected academic publisher, and that means people are starting to take us seriously. That means you're going to have your television show, other people are going to be having more and more books. Susan Stryker's book is going to come out, Sandy Stone's book is going to come out, Jameson Green's book is going to come out. We're starting to speak in our own voice. David's doing his play. Our voices are finally coming out. This book is another step in that direction. I think that's really important. And it's not just big block print, you don't just open it up and find wall to wall words. I broke it up. I broke it up into stories. I broke it up into quotes from here and there. It's a collage. The text appears in different places all over the page. They wanted the book to be interactive, and so I tried to make it that way. The main part of the text appears in the center, and then off to the right are my own comments on the text, and off to the left are different quotes to illustrate the text.

Nancy (reading from *Gender Outlaw*): "People keep trying to ask me about fashion. I love that. Maybe they think the doctor sewed in some fashion sense."

Kate: I think it's irreverent. It owes a whole lot to people like Tula and Christine Jorgensen, Renee Richards, who had the courage to write their story. It owes a big debt to them. It's another generation, you know, 'Page Trek: The Next Generation,' or something like that.

Nancy: So it's not just another biography, but a book that talks about what you've learned.

Kate: Well, they would never let us publish that, it was too dangerous, you see, it's not like I'm the first one or the only one to think of doing this, it's just that the climate is right now for us to publish our ideas.

Nancy: Was it too dangerous, or is it just that we're finally accepted enough so that growing up transsexual isn't so traumatic that it hopelessly distorts your perspective? It seems like there have been a lot of people in the gender community who are so traumatized that they have difficulty projecting a perspective that is accessible to the mainstream. And now we're starting to see more people who aren't so traumatized that they're dysfunctional. Maybe that's what brought Renee Richards to the fore, that she was not so dysfunctional that she couldn't go out and earn a living as a doctor, and play tennis, and whatever, and she was willing to be forward. And then after her, there were other people who were not so traumatized that they couldn't function, but who then chose not to publicize themselves, who chose to disappear. And now we're having more and more people like you, myself and others who are transsexual and proud, like, "This is who we are. We're not trying to get in your face, we're just trying to live our lives."

Kate: I would say that there's a pivotal book in there between Renee Richards' and this and that would be Tula's book which talks about her being yanked out of the closet, viciously, by the hounds of the culture, and how she's come to grips with that, and what she's done as a result. I think it's beautiful.

Nancy: I thought maybe it would just be some sort of lightweight thing because she was a fashion model...

Kate: No, it's a serious book, and I quote her in my book. She says she wishes that, in her counseling, someone had bothered to counsel her about being transsexual, not being 'a woman', but being transsexual. Now she's come to terms with the fact that she's transsexual. We grew up creating this whole world view for ourselves because it's not there in the culture. What am I? And I have to build this whole world view in the absence of books, radio, and television, anything, even conversation, Mom or Dad or brother or sister or friends. I have to build a whole world view of who I am or I go stark, raving mad. Every transsexual in the past has done this. Now, though, there's going to be Kate Bornstein's book, Tula's book, your [Nancy's] show, your [Mariette's] photographs, and David's play. Transsexuals are starting to be able to say, "Oh, the burden is not on me, I don't have to create my own world view." We are helping each other in community to create a communal world view, which is, like, wonderful.

What I'm having to confront now is my *desire.*

Nancy: I think of it as role models. There are people out there, and you can say "Oh, there's somebody out there doing their thing. I can do my thing."

Kate: Yes. So the importance of this book is not that it's right, or that the views expressed in it are right. The importance of this book is it's existence. What happens is people are going to glom onto that and they're going to say "Oh, the transsexual," and this has already happened to me. I get pegged as the transsexual. I get calls from talk shows all the time, and I just kind of refer people out to other transgendered people, 'cause I think that's important. But I tried to keep the focus of this book more on questions, and to provide as few answers as possible, 'cause I think answers are fucked up. Two of the biggest sections of the book are just series of questions.

Nancy: Yes, if you stimulate me to ask myself a new question, you've just given me a gift.

Kate: Yea. Isn't an answer death?

Nancy: Sure, it means that that's the end of your seeking for the answer to that question, and that's what life is about, finding your own answers to the questions.

Kate: Exactly.

Mariette: Like somebody who says, "Now I know why these people do it." What's the fun?

Kate: I don't tell people why I do it. I give them a picture of my life a little bit, and I try to give as many other people's ideas about it as possible and just try to shed light and raise questions. Holly Hughes, she's so brilliant. Her definition of art is, "Art is that which raises questions and implicates people."

Nancy: And your play was certainly that for me. I was really profoundly moved, and I know that another friend of mine was really moved, too. She did a lot of crying. It really hit her. And I think it was mainstream accessible. And it wasn't about the gender community at all, it was about your relationship with somebody who's changing their gender.

Kate: Thank you. I think the mechanics of how we shift and change within a relationship, like if you're in a relationship and someone loses a job, it affects your identity, because all of a sudden you're the provider, now, for two people, and that shifts how things work. Or you're in a relationship and someone gets ill, that changes your *identity,* and you didn't ask for that. You're in a relationship and someone changes their religion, that changes your identity. We change and shift and dance within a relationship. If you both agree to do the tango, and your partner decides to slam dance, that adds another dimension to the relationship. The question then is, do you want to stay together. And if you want to, then you're going to have to redefine the terms of the relationship, which gets back to what I was saying at the very beginning, that David and I are redefining our relationship, and trying to redefine it outside of patriarchal norms.

Nancy: It's bad enough to contemplate getting married, when getting married would bring into play all sorts of preconceptions about the relationship. But when you consider how much greater your presumptions are about sex and gender, and when somebody changes their sex or gender, all of a sudden, it's like your whole world is turned upside down, because so much of what you see in that other person is a result of what you've been trained to see in a person of that sex or gender.

Kate: What I'm having to confront is my desire now. I've got all these high-falutin' theories that 'gender is a social construct' and blah blah blah, but when it comes down to raw desire, I'm still much more attracted to women. And I'm attracted to David, which I find very puzzling. It's opened a lot of doors, to allow me to explore friendships with men that I never would have explored before. And I'm still attracted to him, but not in the same way, and I'm trying to explore this attraction that I have for him. It's very, very different from the attraction that I've always had for women, which to me right now is still stronger.

Mariette: Is some of it perhaps memory-based?

Kate: Part of it, sure. This whole thing with, "Where's Katherine?" Like the line from my show, "Somewhere inside that man is the woman I fell in love with." But, I don't think it's much of that. I've never been as attracted to any man as I've been attracted to women. I've had crushes on men. Like, there's a great line, I forget who said it, forgive me, "I love men, I could spend my eternity with men, just not this lifetime, though." I have now been, little by little, finding out that there are good guys out there. In all likelihood, I will probably be touring my show with a guy as stage manager, and two years ago I never would have even considered that. That's a testament to David's successful transition, I think.

Nancy: Let me go back just a step, I wanted to say that the power of your play comes from the genuineness of what you are dealing with on the stage. Truth and reality just have so much more power than fiction. You really feel it when you're up there. I was riveted, and I think the whole audience was.

Kate: This is from something else I learned from Holly Hughes. If you listen to her work, she blurs another binary, and that's called life and art. You know, life has to be one thing and art another. But she blurs that, she takes what people don't ever talk about and she puts it on stage and you go "Whoa! Girl!" I mean, she talks about her mom's cunt, and you go "Wait! You're not supposed to talk about that!" I mean, omigod, she can talk about what's true for her on stage in her life, and I can start talking about what's true for me on stage in my life, not to use it as some kind of self-indulgent bullshit. I'm a ham, I'm a trained actor, and I realize that first of all I have a responsibility to entertain people, so I need to do that, that's important. I like to make people laugh. I like to top my audience, and I'm a good top. But a good top, I think, loves her bottom. And I love my audience, and I love to take care of my audience, and I love to push their limits, and that's what I do when I'm onstage.

Mariette: A whole different interpretation of the audience/performer relationship....

Kate: And you'll notice what I do with the audience is I don't force participation.

Kate: Art's amazing stuff, and it's all starting to happen. The artists and thinkers are popping out of our community. You know, I have my share of anger and rage, and I think there's ways to use anger and rage, but I would hope that our community, our revolution, our movement toward liberation does not go down the same old garden path that most other minority uprisings have done. I would hope that our revolution would learn from the women's movement, which continually makes strides very slowly, too slowly I agree, it needs to go as fast as possible, but the women's movement is a movement of love and strength. And that seems to me a good model for our community. Strength and love.

New Berdache Circling

by Holly Boswell and Kindred Spirits

Convene a dozen or so transgendered kindred spirits in a beautiful setting, like deep Southern Appalachia, for a few days, and what would you expect? Yes, *magic*—but only if it is not expected. In late August of 1993 it happened for some of us. We clearly saw that "...the Goddess is alive and Magic is afoot."

One of the great under-reported stories of our time is the resurgence of circling: ancient spiritual traditions still practiced by Wiccans, Native Americans, and other so-called primitive cultures. Circles are time-honored therapies resurfacing as contemporary techniques in many movements, including New Age, Reclaiming and Feminist, and even seen at our transgender conventions (including IFGE and Southern Comfort).

Several Native American berdache were featured presenters on their current practices, which include circling, at the 1993 convention of the American Association of Anthropologists. *Tapestry* readers are already familiar with this phenomenon via Rena Swifthawk (Issue #59) and other articles over the years.

This article is a heartfelt offering to encourage you to cast your own circles (not unlike casting a play), so you can experience your own magic in a sharing group. Wendy Parker was the catalyst for our circle, and with her encouragement I started networking two years ago to convene our gathering. Rena Swifthawk had originally consented to be our host, but, most sadly, her failing health prevented her from doing so. At our circle we gave thanks for the steadfast influence of her love and inspiration. We also paid homage to the spirit of We-wha and all the others who have walked the berdache path before us.

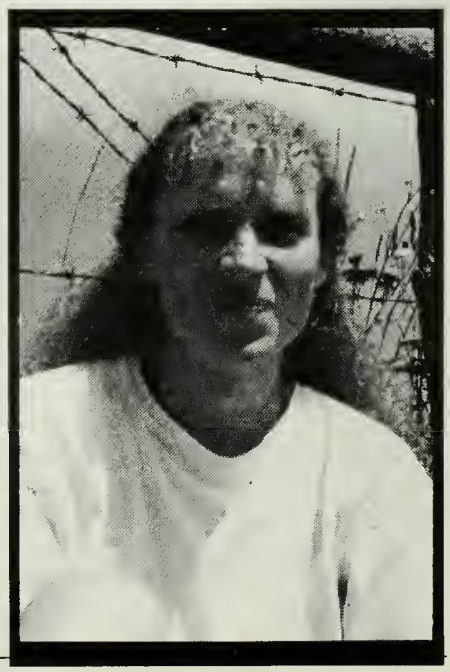
Such was the consensus of our convocation: This gathering has been a long time coming. It's so tough to break out of our contemporary patterns of living, to get past thinking and *act* on our deepest thoughts and feelings. Goddess bless us as we dare to be playful. We don't have to accomplish anything here, or fulfill any grandiose expectations about this gathering—that would only thwart our true potential. As a Zen master once said, "In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities; in the expert's mind there are few." This is a unique oasis in time which we have chosen to share. There are many reasons why we're here, but they are meaningless without the conviction of our feelings. Knowledge and techniques are all around us, the agenda of world strife calls to us, even shouts at us to *use* our minds and our hearts—to *do* something. But then again, there's nothing wrong with taking our own sweet time...magic happens.

Ours was an intentional gathering, and all we really had in common was our transgenderism, an interest in alternative spiritual paths, and a gut-level desire to be together and to explore both constructively. What we shared was "nothing special," yet for us it was deeply affirming, inspiring and empowering. Why? Because we honored our individuality, our uniqueness was supported by the group, and the resulting group synergy was unique and affirming...because of our awareness that by following an ancient tradition that has manifested in so many beautiful ways, we are adding our own inspired variations...and because such gatherings need not be regarded as a rare occurrence—that *any* such sharing can achieve its own magic so long as the sharing is spontaneous, sincere, and the natural diversity within the group is respected and welcomed. That direct accessibility is very empowering, and is the crux of what we want to share with you.

Here are a few of our personal observations:

> ...the experience that we shared was one of what is possible in true, loving, consensus community (where) we can share ourselves completely...the biggest single lesson for me was: don't make things happen, let them happen.
>
> —Annie Johnson

> We experienced sacred events, some that we created and some that just happened. Some occurred and I didn't realize their significance until I returned home...What happened for me was a huge rose blossomed out of my heart. It was what I needed, my deep prayer answered. In my life I spend too much energy in my head: thinking, reasoning, reading, imagining, trying to make sense of it all. Meanwhile to the abandonment of my lovelight, forgetting to make use of it...What I "felt" with all of you was a natural, easy, simple acceptance, no, more than



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that!—FACT of the rightness of who we are...I want to continue embodying the vision of my spirit...to be authentic, true to how I feel...no turning back.

—Jessa Bryan

...there is a spiritual need for our community to gather in a way other than expensive conventions and gala events that so many cannot afford...This is a community, something that has been elusively sought like the Holy Grail by many of the leaders of our community for years...our spirits have been joined...when we formed our circle, we were setting the stage for those to come, and the example that we lived will pass on to others as one of love not politics, admiration not envy, equality not rank, wisdom not pride, and concern not confusion...(I feel) a strong desire to live as we lived together over that weekend, because it was the right way to feel, and my spirit was literally overflowing.

—Angela Bright Feather

Cheryl Kosta, an accomplished shamanic Wiccan, told me there are four traditional ways to be called to the shaman's path:
1) to be trained as a shaman,
2) to fall ill or "crazy," and becoming a shaman is the only way to recover,
3) to be transgendered, or
4) to be a child of a shaman.

My own experience may have been similar to yours. I was quite austere and stoic in my spiritual path, having been taught that the sensuality and "frivolity" of my transgenderism was contrary. Nonetheless, as I persisted in coming out with my feminine energy, I was happily surprised to discover that it provided the very "grounding" I needed. As the Goddess came alive through me, I became more whole. The spirit and the flesh, heaven and earth, became one. It was my lifelong experience in the wilderness and love of Nature that had provided the actual foundation.

I'd wasted years waiting to feel worthy of the inscrutable wisdom of esoteric teachings, until Rena Swifthawk empowered us with this simple message: "Just be a good person. Do things in a good way. Live in balance and take care of our Mother Earth. You are special, and can make a difference." We should respect ourselves as caring and capable people. Goddess energy flows from within, through realizing oneself fully. Getting in touch with that energy and appreciating the unique blessing of being transgendered can lead you to do many things "in a good way." Isn't it time we drop the "dysphoric/dysfunctional" labels, "cut to the joy" (as Chris Howey says), own our spirit, act with love, and *be* the gods/goddesses we were meant to be.

Sharing yourself within a group can be a very joyous and empowering way to awaken, explore and develop

Here are some basic guidelines for gatherings which you may find helpful and worthwhile:

1) Choose up to a dozen or so kindred spirits. Understand that some may not be ready or available at that time. Try to create a harmonious blend, but take some chances, too.

2) "If you name it, they will come." Send out invitations that clearly describe the kind of event you'd like to have (e.g. spiritual retreat, group vision quest, or whatever) and the necessary logistics.

3) Schedule the better part of a day for a circle, or 2-3 days for a retreat.

4) Arrange to meet in a natural setting if possible, and minimize distractions.

5) Provide options (e.g., hike, talk, play, music, dance, meditate, ritual...), but allow for spontaneity and act with consensus.

6) There should be no hierarchy or hidden agendas, the process must be consistent with the goal, as Elaine Wong observed.

7) Allow for lots of laughter, and for tears. These are the first fruits of healing.

8) Let there also be comfortable silence, and let simple actions speak their eloquence.

9) A "talking stick" can be passed to anyone in the circle who wishes to speak, but there can also be times for free-form brainstorming and fluid, collective stream-of-consciousness. Some natural topics could include: the nature and roles of berdache from each person's perspective; exploring all sorts of "spiritual tools" that may be useful, and determining various courses of meaningful action such as methods of healing and artistic endeavors.

10) Invite participants to bring copies of articles, excerpts, poems, reading lists and any other handouts to share and take home after the gathering. Include a group roster for further networking.

your berdache spirit. This can be accomplished through any number of interactive modes that feel appropriate for your group. If you choose to cast a circle, there are many effective ways to raise and channel energy. The writings of Starhawk are a wonderful resource for such techniques, and there are a number of other traditions you'll probably want to explore. A basic circle ritual often involves simple elements like sensing group energy, group breath, creative visualization, chanting, and should always conclude with a grounding exercise. Rituals, prayers, and ceremonies can be pre-planned or evolve spontaneously, but should be designed to accommodate the needs of the participants at that time. To quote Starhawk, "All began in love; all seeks to return to love. Love is the law, the teacher of wisdom, and the great revealer of mysteries."

As "new berdache," our challenge and our gifts are unique, but the love and compassion that empowers us is universal. It is accessible to all, and all are to be encouraged to activate its potential—both personally and communally. Imagine how much energy could be raised just by starting your own circle, and the ripple effect of other circles forming elsewhere around the country. Then imagine the possibilities of further networking, where circles converge regionally for festivals of the arts and healing that could benefit society as a whole. If nothing else, these sorts of efforts will help overcome our current stigma so that all the "random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty" we perform each day will have a more positive impact.

Quoting Jessa Bryan once again:

Let us stay on the path together. Let us dance in other circles! Let us sing with the waters, the blue herons, the delicious melons, the blackberries ripe for picking, the mountains, the meadows, the grasses and wildflowers, the sister tree blessed in the center with starlight, the poems, the silliness, the yes yes yes vibe filling the room, the music, the feet touching one another, the gentle cuddle, the seeing of each other, the cutting to the joy, the tears of finding, the tears of sharing, the tears of parting, the laughter of girl scout, slumber party, sorority, quilting bee, hen party, the laughter of defiance, the feminine, the marvelous, the tough, the each one of us, our bodies electric!, the Goddess, Gaia, Merry Mother of us all. Oh world get ready. Oh Universe catch our power!

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Working With The Lesbian-Bi-Gay Community

by Tere Frederickson

Because we in the transgender community have so many issues in common with the lesbian-bi-gay community and we can draw from their experience in working many of these issues, each transgender support group should begin building bridges of understanding. It's not all that easy to do. Many lesbians, bis, and gays don't have a good understanding of transgendered persons—most seem, like the rest of the world, to have very limited knowledge. We shouldn't expect or presume otherwise.

First, get out and meet the folks in the lesbian-bi-gay community. Pick up one of the local lesbian-bi-gay newspapers and attend some of the meetings. Talk to the meeting hosts to see if you can get five minutes or so on the agenda to talk about transgender lifestyles. Most will probably give you a few minutes because they're plain curious. For your first time out, keep it simple and just hit the high points. After the meeting you will probably have a few folks come up to you to discuss things in more detail.

To show the range of understanding, I recently had a lesbian couple come up and speak with me about the nature of transgendered behavior. One woman appeared to have a very good understanding and I even suspect, based on what she said, that she was trying to sort out her own gender identity. Her partner, on the other hand, didn't have the remotest clue about what it meant to be transgendered.

If some of your group's members want to get active in some of the lesbian-bi-gay community activities, great. It helps to build solidarity and even do some good. By all means help support AIDS/HIV fund raisers and maybe get involved in the political caucus or anything else that sounds interesting. As an example, I was recently unanimously elected to the Steering (Executive) Committee of the San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus. It shows that not only have I established credibility, but my input and perspectives are valued. The more the lesbian-bi-gay community gets to know transgendered persons, the better.

If you're not gay or lesbian, don't try to pass yourself off as one. You'll lose more friends than you will win with that faux pas. Although my personal lifestyle closely parallels a

lesbian lifestyle, I found that if you openly declare yourself to be simply transgendered and proud of who you are, the lesbians, bis, and gays will respect that. I've gotten a few standing ovations for my brief, "Transgendered and Proud" talk. Lesbians, bis, and gays will respect anyone who is "out" since coming out is a very significant and meaningful event in their community as it is in ours. Most will appreciate your candor.

Once you've opened up lines of communication and built some bridges of understanding, then it's time to start talking and working common issues. Some of the products from the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) come in handy to get you focused on what may be common issues if you don't already know. The proceedings from both the '92 and '93 ICTLEP are handy reference documents since many lesbians, bis, and gays participated in the conferences. Also something to really push is the International Bill of Gender Rights (IBGR). The last three articles of the IBGR are very meaningful to the lesbian-bi-gay community. See how many individuals and groups you can get to endorse the IBGR as a fundamental statement of human rights.

If someone in your group is a reasonably good writer, they may want to help with the education process by writing occasional articles for local lesbian-bi-gay publications. Write about who and what transgendered people are. Write about the common issues. Education and information are the goals.

Within the past several months, I've been doing a lot of writing for the local lesbian-bi-gay newspaper. It was interesting to note in a recent article written by the newspaper's managing editor, he inclusified transgendered persons by referencing "the lesbian-bi-trans-gay community." Education does pay off! He learned that we have so many issues in common that we virtually are a common community.

A few of the more militant lesbians and gays may be hard to talk to about transgendered lifestyles, but for the most part, you will find lesbians, bis, and gays to be very friendly and open once you get to know them as people. If you are sensitive to their issues and concerns, they will be sensitive to yours. *And* I haven't had one lesbian or gay ridicule me or challenge my right to be who I am. They accept me as a transgendered person and, more importantly, as a fellow human being. So what's stopping you?

Get out there and do it!

The Grande Alliance

by Kristine W. Holt

In June of 1994, the Stonewall 25 event is being held in New York City. This is a celebration by the Gay community commemorating the Stonewall Riots of 1969, during which the drag queens (in particular) who frequented the Stonewall Inn violently opposed the police harassment which they had repeatedly been subjected to. This series of clashes is considered to be the "opening salvo" in the battle for lesbian and gay civil rights in the United States. In light of the history of the celebration, it seems curious that the transgendered have been excluded from the festivities by the event organizers.

This has become a cause of great concern for some within the transgendered community. For these few, the feeling is that the lesbigay movement is ignoring its roots; that we, the minority within the minority, are being discriminated against in turn. There are grumblings from our more vocal members, and suggestions that a counter-demonstration, à la "ACT-UP," is needed. My voice in the fray calls for different action. I firmly believe that forcing our participation in any Gay rights demonstration would do more harm than good. Indeed, I can see no good whatsoever coming of such action. The cause for transgendered civil rights would be set back immeasurably.

Primarily, we have to ask ourselves why we should want to become aligned with the Lesbigay movement. This is an issue which has the potential to split us asunder. Not all members of the transgendered community consider themselves to be gay. In fact, the percentage of transgendered individuals declaring themselves to be lesbian or gay puts them in a decided minority. This is quite alright, as an individual orientation or "lifestyle." But it's a separate issue from gender identity. By aligning ourselves with the Lesbigay movement, we send a message to the community at large that is totally opposite to what most of us are all about. Now, I'm not advocating a reactionary anti-gay stance, such as that taken by one or another CD groups. But, consider your own personal search for self-acceptance, your own coming out experiences, and remember the questions that came to mind.

Our nature is one of *gender* orientation **NOT** *sexual* orientation.

I'll share with you one of my own experiences. When I first announced my transsexuality to family and friends, I was asked if it had anything to do with sexual orientation, "Do you want to be a woman because you like men?" I found the truth to be a reversal of that: "I like men because I'm a woman." Understand, this comes from a person who had dated women throughout her teens and young adulthood, had married and fathered children, etc. But it illustrates that my sexual change has little to do with affectional orientation; "Once a heterosexual, always a heterosexual," even if the object of that heterosexual desire changes.

I don't believe I'm alone in this. I'm not aware of any formal studies done, but anecdotal information I've received from scores of transsexuals going through the transition tells me I am not in the minority. There are exceptions of course, and these exceptional individuals are to be valued. But I think it's important to keep one truth firmly in front of us: gender orientation has nothing to do with affectional (sexual) orientation.

The Lesbigay movement is all about guaranteed civil rights for those individuals with minority (homosexual) affectional/sexual orientations. They struggle and question their identity, like us; they too "come out" and seek the company of kindred spirits. Many of them, like many of us, have suffered discrimination in all areas of their lives. So they lobby, and march, and fight through the courts. These are the things that have to be done to overcome prejudice, discrimination, and to secure civil protection. But, unlike us, the source of their discrimination, the focus of their struggle, is the fact of their minority homosexual orientation.

So, doesn't it seem a bit schizophrenic for us to march down the street in the midst of their demonstrations, waving a banner that proclaims "...and WE vote!" We want the world, through the efforts of our educational foundations, to understand that our nature is one of gender orientation, *not* sexual orientation. Then we try to force our way into a movement whose sole reason for existence is sexual orientation, screaming, "Me, too!" The dichotomy cannot be lost on the public. What does this confusion cost us? Plenty! If I tell you one thing, then do another, what does that breed? Distrust, fear, and hatred. Oh yes, we need to secure our civil rights, make no doubt about that. But attempting to do that by attaching ourselves onto a group whose agenda has nothing to do with ours is counterproductive. There are those exceptional few who do

address sexual issues along with their gender issues. But for us, as a *gender* community, to address our *gender rights* issues and co-mingle them with the issues of the homosexual rights movement is not in our best interest.

The leaders of the Lesbigay movement recognize this truth. They are clearly focused on their purpose, that being the securing of civil rights protection for those who embrace a sexual orientation at odds with the majority of their fellows. Period. There is no desire, nor should there be, to have this purpose confused with side issues and splinter groups that sap the strength of the main thrust. That's exactly what the TG-movement represents to the Lesbigay movement—a source of confusion to the community at large, an aberration that needs to be explained. And for what purpose? Including us is not in their best interests.

(Co-existence is desirable however, due to the similar outcomes of our agendas. Support given, when it can be afforded, is always helpful. But it's imperative that the main efforts of each group should remain separate and distinct.)

So, where do we find ourselves if we cut loose our hold to the "big" group? We are so few, and there's so much to do! Fear not—we *do* have allies out there. We can seek affiliation with a much larger movement: one which has an established agenda to fight discrimination based on gender, that has a national (or even international) organization, advocates, lobbyists, educators. If you haven't guessed by now, I refer to the women's rights ("feminist") movement.

Stop to think for a moment what the feminist movement stands for. Women have had to endure discrimination for countless ages, not because of the specific things they do, or who they make love to, or any other individual difference. It has been solely because of the sex, the gender, that they are. Surely, many arguments have been made legitimizing such discrimination, but they have always been peripheral to the fact that women are discriminated against because they are women. Simply that.

I had a roommate at one time, a professional woman, who was successful at her career, and, not surprisingly, considered herself a feminist. She stated the situation quite baldly: "To climb that corporate ladder, a woman has to suppress or shed so much of her femininity." In other words, it's a man's world, and in order to fit in, you have to be like a man. In such an environment, what becomes of the male who completely denies and repudiates his masculinity? Or even one who just expresses that strong feminine streak in him occasionally? Look at the discriminations that many transgendered, particularly transsexual, individuals face. Is it because they are incompetent in their jobs, because they have been insubordinate, immoral, or an embarrassment to those around them? These are some of the excuses that have been given. But all too often, these "reasons" never became obvious to the discriminator until after the TG person revealed their sexuality (or had it revealed). No, the real reason is because the TG person's sexuality (gender) makes those folks with less secure sexual identities uncomfortable. (Think, too, how much self-aggrandizement and power-reaching is a sublimation of sexual urges.) And that brings to mind a popular maxim of the women's movement: "A man of quality is not threatened by a woman for equality."

So now we look at the question we faced with the Lesbigay movement: Will they have us? I can give only a tentative answer, based upon my experiences. That answer is"yes." (Obviously, else there'd be no focus for this article!) My transition has been beset by numerous difficulties, most of them the direct result of small-minded thinking on the part of officials and managers who should have a more global view of things. In response, I have acted to counter these attitudes (relatively successfully) in ways involving administrative appeals, community education, local politics and court action. Persistence, courage and faith have been indispensable. But those alone would never have been enough. I have necessarily had to rely on the assistance of virtually everyone I've come into contact with, to educate me, to "open doors" for me, etc., or to just steer clear. *Everyone* plays a role. ("If you're not part of the solution...")

In this struggle for transgendered civil rights, I have met no women's rights activists who have distanced themselves from my cause. In fact, I have found my greatest support there. It has been expressed to me on many occasions that our goals are identical. I have been extended invitations to many women's support, activist, and service groups. Granted, I have little experience with the militant, in-your-face "wymyn" activists. But then, I haven't sought assistance from such peripheral groups. Those who've been of the greatest help are the mainstream who work behind the scenes: those who pursue the quiet court cases, the EEO/AA officers, the courthouse clerks, the Community Service organizers. Each person, with a positive attitude fostered by the feminist ideology, effects some little change, which accumulates. Each recognizes that "no one can be free until we are all free," and that includes the transgendered individual, too. *These* are our natural allies.

In conclusion, I would urge every transgendered individual, and everybody else who has dealings with the transgendered community, to look closely at the nature of our struggle. Look at what would be in our best interests, and at what already exists out there as a vehicle for change. See what are similarities with the gay community, and give them our support, whenever possible and appropriate. But recognize that we share even more similarities with the women's rights movement, and expend our multitude of talents and energies there. That, indeed, would be a Grande Alliance.

My Soulmate Is A Crossdresser

by Genita L.

I'm in love with a Transgendered person, and I want to share some of our life with our sisters. Just for the record, I am a genetic female and Joe is a genetic male who is a crossdresser. He has known about his female qualities since he was three years old. His en-femme name is Lauren. When I first met Joe in the '70s, he was a teenager and in the closet about his crossdressing. He did not understand his feelings, and felt a lot of guilt about them.

He was raised a strict Irish-Catholic in a close-knit family of 6 boys and 2 girls. His family owns a trucking company and a truck driver he had to be. His father drove a truck and he worked with him. Since 1974 he has driven an 18-wheeler and has operated every piece of heavy equipment there is. Naturally, wearing dresses and being feminine did not fit with the trucker image.

I was the first person Joe told about his crossdressing. It did not change my feelings for him. I still loved him. I felt honored that he would confide something so personal and secretive to me. It didn't matter to me what he was wearing, he was the same sweet person I fell in love with. In 1979 we had to go our separate paths, even though we were very much in love. There were many reasons we had to part, but crossdressing was not one of them. We knew we had our love and vowed to be together again someday, if at all possible. Twelve years passed and we found each other again. Joe was still in the closet and still did not understand his feelings. There was no-one who would accept "Lauren," and Joe was such an unhappy person, on the path to destruction and possibly an early death.

I had a friend who subscribed to *Tapestry* and I borrowed his issues for Joe to read. Through the magazine, we discovered Vernon's in Waltham. We bought some books, Peggy Rudd's, *My Husband Wears My Clothes,* and *Crossdressing with Dignity.* They are fabulous books that are very understanding and informative. Joe couldn't believe there were so many crossdressers and that the majority were not gay. I've discovered that the general population believes that if a man crossdresses, homosexuality and perversion are a big part of his life. Joe knows he has never had sexual feelings for a man, so he couldn't understand his need to crossdress.

Joe moved into my apartment and together we discovered who he was. I've always been a believer in being yourself, finding happiness and hurting none. I've always done things my way and lived a somewhat reclusive lifestyle. I was used to not being understood and not following the system that is usually laid out for you from birth by family, church and government. I told Joe to go for it and just be himself, that I would be here for him, and for Lauren and help him as much as possible. We are on our fourth year back together and Lauren is my best friend, my love and soulmate, always. We are married in our hearts, someday will be married legally. We are very dependent on each other, probably more so than we should be.

One of the reasons for writing this article is because of the loneliness, sorrows, and heart-break of many transgendered persons. Being misunderstood by family, friends, loved ones or what used to be loved ones, is a very hard life to lead. The majority of people have pre-conceived opinions of crossdressers and have never heard of the word "Transgendered." I call this being brainwashed by organized religions, by parents, family and non-flexible, uneducated people.

For Joe it was very sad because he is from a very close-knit family. Two brothers and a sister live at home, as he did before he moved in with me, and another brother and sister live a few doors down the street, while another brother and sister-in-law live a few blocks away. Their father had died some five or six months before Joe moved in with me. The family are all very caring of each other.

Joe was always in the closet about his crossdressing and if Lauren showed through, he was made to feel very guilty and dirty. They cannot accept Lauren and never want to meet her, except for a family member who lives out of the state. Their opinions are much like the majority of the population. Some think he is homosexual or bisexual, and heaven forbid that's a No, No without the cross-dressing. Some think it's a sexual perversion thing, that he will hopefully grow out of it if he prays or pays enough. He has been called sick, sissy, a perverted fruit, and is not being a good Catholic boy. Scripture has been quoted to us. They think I have a spell over him and make him wear female clothes and have changed his looks and actions.

I am not a Catholic. I was raised a Baptist, from West Virginia. I've been divorced twice, along with an eleven year common-law marriage. I'm a Druid and consider witchcraft my religion. I have a grown daughter and three granddaughters, ages 8, 12 and 14. They have visited us and they know Lauren. We have been out together, no problem. The two oldest have spent a summer month with us and we had some wonderful times. They live out of the state, so we don't visit often.

Our first year together we saw Joe's family a few times every week and every weekend. There were lots of family outings we went to. The second and third year, as Joe came out of the closet, we saw less and less of his family. Weekends were the only time Joe was not working, so that was the time for becoming Lauren. He finally told his family, as they were blaming me for our lack of visiting them. They have refused to visit us in our home. If we go to a family party, it seems that they go out of their way to get Joe to be a macho man and that causes so much stress between us that I can't deal with it. So we stay away, and this is very sad because your family should be your friends throughout your life. When your family turns their back on you... you make a new family and friends or you live a lonely sad life and you die, alone sometimes.

The past two years, Joe has been living mostly as a female, except when he is driving his 18-wheeler semi-tractor-trailer. If he had his way, he would be driving in a skirt. As a matter of fact, sometimes he would go to work in a skirt. He leaves the house between 3 and 4 a.m. and would change into work pants after a few hours of driving, usually before daylight.

Early one morning, before 5, a trooper stopped his truck for an inspection, something that happens on a regular basis, especially after they add a bunch of new regulations for truckers. He was driving in a three-tier, black ruffled short skirt. The trooper had been stopping Joe for 10 years. He knew Joe, but had never seen him in a skirt. He needed to see under the hood of the truck and couldn't get it open. He asked Joe to get out and open the hood. He was wondering how to handle it and was a little frightened. He decided to act as if everything was fine. He jumped out of the truck and opened the hood. The officer just looked at him and didn't say a word, except to tell him to get back in the truck after the hood was opened. He wrote up a ticket for $1000. in fines, which was no surprise, as there were many new regulations and not enough time or money to correct them all at once. As I said before, this is a family business, and Joe's uncles do not know about his crossdressing. He was concerned they might find out that he was driving in a skirt. But when his uncle went to court about the ticket, the officer did not show up, so the fine was dismissed. I'd like to think it was because the officer knew Joe and he figured it was payment enough to get caught driving in a skirt. I'm sure if he had been wearing his work clothes and pants, it would have cost the company $1000. His uncle couldn't understand why the officer didn't appear in court. Joe couldn't tell him.

He couldn't tell anyone, but he could tell me and we could laugh about it together. He was being himself. He did not panic. He was not afraid and he did not start making up excuses. His calm actions proved worthwhile. While we can laugh at this story together, some people would be horrified at it. I say, why stress yourself so much by what a person is wearing? We were all put on this earth without any clothes. Just which person decides who wears what and when anyway? I believe we all are born with both male and female traits, but there is only one test a doctor gives at birth to determine the sex of a baby and it is not even a test. The doctor just looks at the sexual organs and that's it. Well those sexual organs are only a part of a person, and if tests were made on DNA, etc., at birth, a lot of people would have a different title. Your sexual parts should not rule your life. Sometimes I've thought, wouldn't it be interesting if you waited until 5 years of age to determine the dominant gender of a child, which would include many different things, especially what the child thinks!

We live in a very diverse Boston neighborhood, with every kind of lifestyle you can imagine around us. We have neighbors and friends from teens through to retirement age. We live in what lots of people consider a very dangerous area. But I have lived here since 1979 and consider this my home and I've never had any real problems with the area. I've always had friends who were unique. I've seen how most people shut you out of their life if you don't live a certain way. It's a very lonely trip on this earth if you have no friends and no love, so when family and loved ones disapprove of your lifestyle and want nothing to do with the real you, it's a very stressful life.

When a wife or friend finds out about your crossdressing and cuts you out of their life, wants nothing to do with you or with that part of your life which actually is you, I just want to scream, WHY? WHY? WHY? Can't they understand and be supportive? Your friend, sister or lover isn't any different, they have simply let you in on a part of their life. A part they have never been able to share with anyone, usually not for many years. It shows a deep love to want to share your inner-most thoughts and feelings. I would never turn my back on Joe and force him to have close friends who would always be strangers to me. I would not want him to have a secretive stressful life, where he would have to hide in order to be happy. I would not want him to go to parties alone, to restaurants, movies or just shopping. I could not give up that much or our life and I would not take the happiness and contentment that he gets from crossdressing away from him. I love him too much, and life on earth is too short.

A Transgender Rights Manifesto

by Laura Masters

Equal access to society—the freedom to do the same things others do, about as easily as they do them—is not a commodity. There is an infinite supply of equality available in this world, all we have to do is stop treating one another in biased and oppressive ways.

For most Canadians, social equality is so automatic they never give a thought to life without it. In fact, most people fare so well, there is a widespread belief that real human rights problems don't exist in this country. As a result, many devastating social inequities are taken lightly, some are snubbed outright. However, gross inequities do exist, and for some Canadians equal access to society is little more than a recurrent fantasy.

There can be little doubt that transsexuals, transgenderists and transvestites are the victims of socially accepted discrimination. Oppression may actually be the dominant feature in many of our lives. It is also no big secret—the social barriers are right out in the open for anyone who cares to see them.

We live in a world that constantly says, "You have no place here!" The current affairs media all scream, "Look at the freak!" without consideration for the damage it causes. Television seems bent upon holding us up as the object of derision. Movies portray us either as clinging burn-outs or as homicidal maniacs so far over the line we have to be strapped to a chair. Newspapers report our failures, using headlines like, "Outcast," or "Dirty little secret," above their deeply biased stories.

On top of the media pejoratives, we must live under constant threat of discrimination and harassment. Law, medicine and psychiatry treat us like we are incurably ill. Employment, housing, and commercial premises are mine fields for us. The slightest social faux pas could lead to severe reprisals, including physical violence. We must know our place—and we must carefully stay in it—to survive.

Members of the power structure also appear blind to the havoc they impose upon us. They are generally less receptive to our existence than either society or the media, often declaring their right to impose limits upon our freedoms. If we examine the world wisdom and the resulting policy surrounding the transgender community, we discover a huge pile of papers expounding "Clinical Management," "Assessment Policy," "The Real Life Test" and "Standards of Care." In fact, all these words are written under the wholly un-researched preconception that transgender identity is not supposed to happen. These documents and the policies they inspire are solely administrative; they assume the right to exert sweeping control over our lives.

This forms a very deep oppression. At one level we may look at a situation and raise an eyebrow, at the next we might seek human rights remedies, the third degree might also cause a public outcry but, at the worst level of oppression—where my peers and I live—biases are believed as fact, hatred is openly encouraged and victims are rendered voiceless by the very depth of their own oppression. There will likely be no outcry from my peers for they have, by and large, given up on themselves as social equals. Most now accept discrimination as unavoidable and seldom consider standing up for themselves. Some even end up abandoning their personal goals and speak out in support of both their own oppression and their oppressors.

Strangely, nobody seems to appreciate this as a matter of human suffering. As a result of these imposed limitations, my peerage is a factious and angry group of individuals with disparate goals and ambitions. Turf wars, dominance games, backbiting and many other self-destructive behaviors now permeate our peerage. While there is a tendency to huddle together in common interest, we remain divided by our anger. Our outrage has been re-directed away from our oppressors. Like other communities silenced by social oppression, we are now turning blame and anger inward, fighting amongst ourselves, while self-proclaimed "experts" describe the results of our oppression as the symptoms of a mental illness.

It is devastating to watch my peers coming up just short of achieving their goals. Those who are seeking life as women pursue it with a blood passion. They envelope themselves in womanhood, it oozes from their very pores, yet they almost never proclaim it and do not defend it. Those seeking manhood fare only a little better. By and large we don't feel entitled to social equality, have no vision of what it might be like and tend to pull up short of completing the social reintegration process in fear of reprisals.

In Canada, human rights law deals with only the most practical and necessary parts of life; mandating equal access to commercial and professional services, housing and employment. There can be little doubt that transsexuals, transgenderists and transvestites are needing and deserving of equal legal support for this minimal level of social function. Yet, the legal processes most often sabotage us; beneficial litigation simply isn't happening. As a result, we find ourselves still disenfranchised to the point where we lack a voice to speak in our own interest. We now exist amongst social equals, but we are not social equals. We have become something other than human, something that appears unworthy of concern.

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I am not suggesting new laws, or even changes to existing laws. We don't need special legislative consideration; we need food on the table, access to commercial and professional services, a roof over our heads, decent medical care and a job that lets us pay our own way in life. All the rest can come later.

For some *Canadians* equal access to society is a *fantasy.*

SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS

Systemic discrimination is that kind of human rights offense that stems from a single source in the power structure and impacts upon a large number of victims. This kind of bigotry is embedded into policy and even into law in such a way that only by eradicating the policy itself can we eliminate its oppressive effect from our lives.

From my peerage, transsexuals and transgenderists are the primary victims of this kind of discrimination; transvestites seldom if ever encounter systemic discrimination. This dichotomy is due mainly to the matter that transvestites do not cross-live full time, do not seek sex-change and do not usually work in the other-sex role; they thus have no reason to confront the power structure in any meaningful way.

Two issues—Incarcerate Management and Psychiatric Programs—make up the bulk of our systemic oppression in Canada.

INCARCERATE MANAGEMENT

There can be no denying the wrongness of placing a woman into a men's prison facility, and it doesn't take a lot of insightful thinking to understand the danger she would face. No right thinking individual would do such a thing. Yet, because there is no recognition that transgendered males are women, they are routinely tossed into men's prisons with complete disregard for their well being.

If there is a place where the transgendered must navigate the bowels of hell, it is in prison. For the male transgenderist or the male-to-female transsexual who has made a full time commitment to womanhood, an arrest; for even the most minor of offenses, could condemn them into a world of torture, RAPE, AIDS and violence—solely because of their genitalia and in defiance of every other reality in their lives.

Like most oppressed minorities, crime is at a somewhat disproportionately high level in our peerage. Many of us end up working as prostitutes or stealing private property as a means of financial survival. A few become involved in violent crimes, such as murder or assault landing them in jail.

What happens to the transgendered in jail is horrid. They are stripped of their dignity, their pride and their identity. Most are strip-searched only by men. They are placed in men's holding facilities, solely on authority of the arresting officer. Once so detained they are treated as men throughout the entire legal process and are tried, convicted, and incarcerated as men. As a result of this vigilante sexism, the imprisoned transgenderist often ends up in sexual servitude, trading sex for safety, in a men's prison.

PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAMS

There are three psychiatric "Gender Clinics" in Canada. Each of these clinics in turn adheres to the "Standards Of Care For Transsexuals" set out by the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association.

These clinics' programs and policies are strictly managerial in nature. They ask transsexuals, who come to them filled with innocence and hope, to do some truly stupid things in order to obtain sex-change operations. Each of their patients must live at least two years in the other-sex role before they are thought "eligible to be considered" for sex-change surgery. Sadly, this path is so difficult to navigate that the average referral-to-surgery time is often well over 6 years, and in at least three cases has stretched well beyond 20 years.

There can be little doubt these clinics do more harm than good. Their programs place each patient at great risk of severe societal and professional reprisals, at a time when they are least able to deal with prejudice. Amongst these clinics' patients job loss outnumbers sex-change by at least three to one. About a third of those who lose their jobs never work again. Many have also lost all contact with friends, family, relatives and lovers because of their involvement with these clinics. Almost nobody comes out of these programs unscathed.

There are an ever increasing number of patients on waiting lists. The numbers of assessments and surgeries being performed are such that these clinics are steadily falling further behind. Quite a few patients are now going out of country to obtain the surgery on a fee-for-service basis. Our numbers have not increased—Canada's clinics simply aren't keeping up. These clinics, with their needlessly destructive programs, their managed statistics and their growing waiting lists, are creating a welfare-supported subculture of pre-surgical transsexuals who are needlessly costing Canada's social support networks tens of millions of dollars each year.

The one or two year "Real Life Test" process, enforced upon us by these clinics, constitutes little more than a significant interference with the highly successful process of Informed Consent used with all other elective surgeries obtained in Canada. There is no element in this process that will confirm or refute a person's transsexuality. It simply delays the surgery in hopes that the patient will give up. In reality, the Real Life Test does nothing more than limit a person's equal access to

medical services. It is therefore discriminatory.

Were it not for psychiatry in our midst, we could easily work around most of the social problems. However, the clinical policies are such that we are first controlled, then "outed" and forced to confront almost every imaginable social pejorative, all in the name of giving us a real-life experience.

ENDEMIC PROBLEMS

Endemic discrimination is that kind encountered at random throughout society. One never knows when a confrontation with endemic discrimination will occur: ejection from places of business, refusals of professional services, job loss and harassment in housing all qualify as endemic discrimination. Sadly, these things are becoming increasingly common events in the lives of transsexuals, transgenderists and transvestites.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

This is far and away the most frequent form of discrimination, suffered about equally by transsexuals, transgenderists and transvestites. The most common problems encountered are ejection from places of business, denials of washroom or changeroom access, and refusals of purchase privilege. Although less frequent, we also encounter refusals of professional and medical services.

Some of these refusals have profound impacts upon my peers. One person, living in a small Ontario town, has no access to the grocery store where she lives and must travel to another town by bus to go food shopping. Others are not allowed on local mass-transit systems. Some are denied access to essential professional services such as dentistry or legal advice.

It is interesting to note that while most transvestites spend less than 10% of their time feigning a female appearance, they suffer about the same degree of commerce-related discrimination as those who cross-live full time. This saddening statistic clearly indicates that transvestites are many times more likely to be victimized in commercial services than transsexuals or transgenderists.

EMPLOYMENT

Here is the most destructive of the problems we face. Job loss brings a person's entire life to a screeching halt and is so pervasive in the lives of transsexuals and transgenderists that almost all of my peer contacts report having endured spells of unemployment. About half of those who lose their jobs never work again.

Even those few who manage to keep their original jobs often do so at the expense of accepting bizarre sanctions. One employer forbade a transgenderist from speaking to the other employees, another built a special washroom for a transsexual, one transsexual's entire workspace was moved to a windowless room in the basement. My all time favorite was the employer who sent letters to their clients asking for permission to allow a transsexual to call on them.

Again, transvestites need special mention. Since, as a rule, they do not crossdress at work, they seldom encounter the attitudes of employers and co-workers. There is even reason to believe that transvestites may actually be less unemployed than social averages. Most I've spoken with have successful careers. Many have management level jobs. A few have reached and maintained Director or Vice President status.

RENTAL HOUSING

About three fourths of my peer contacts live either in rental housing or purchased rental-style housing (i.e., buildings with common areas shared by all tenants). Some have had to conduct long and careful searches to find places that would first, accept them as tenants, and second, let them conduct their lives without restriction.

Some find comfortable places to live, but only after accepting sanctions such as entering and leaving the building only by the back door, or staying away from the other tenants. In fact, some of the sanctions my peers have been asked to accept were truly weird. One was forbidden from washing clothes except in the presence of the superintendent. Another was refused a lobby key and could re-enter the building only by "buzzing" one of her neighbors. One female-to-male transsexual was even told that his in-house apartment would be inspected weekly for the presence of men's clothing. More than one of us has come home to find all our possessions piled up in the parking lot.

Harassment is a growing problem encountered by transsexuals, transgenderists and transvestites with about equal frequency. Building superintendents seem to have a special propensity for foul mouthed comments. I am increasingly hearing from people who are being harassed by their landlords and I, too, have suffered a long-term problem with my landlord that is only now beginning to resolve itself.

Discrimination and harassment in housing have profound impacts upon a person's life. They make it difficult, if not impossible, to use building facilities such as laundry rooms or party rooms. We become reluctant to enter or leave our homes in the company of others because of the high risk of being "outed" by a chance encounter with the landlord or another tenant. The oppressive effect of this is sweeping in scope with many of us finding ourselves increasingly isolated in the name of avoiding confrontations with landlords or tenants.

MEDICAL SERVICES

This is a problem that simply should not happen in a country with socialized medical care. Transsexuals and transgenderists seem constantly to be "doctor shopping," incurring the expense of thousands upon thousands of unnecessary medical appointments each year.

The problem is simple, most medical doctors don't want anything to do with the transgendered. They especially avoid those of us who are taking female hormones. Most doctors feel completely justified in turning patients away on entirely arbitrary grounds. The various Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons support this on the basis that transsexualism and transgenderism are "rare diseases" and many doctors may not know how to deal with

them. Yet, nobody has ever identified just what special skills these doctors may need in order to meet our health care needs.

An area of great difficulty for transgenderists is in the obtaining of emergency medical care. I personally found myself in a situation where I was told flatly that "We don't treat transsexuals here," and then roughly evicted from the hospital with my back in full spasm. This problem is shockingly common. Many of us have received similar or worse treatments. One doctor referred a transgenderist to the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry to get treatment for testicular cancer.

For the post-operative transsexual a special problem arises should they need minor surgical revisions to the Vaginoplasty which was performed as part of their sex-changes. Often the new vaginal opening is small and shallow which can lead to bleeding during sex and elevated risk of HIV infections. This can often be fixed with a very minor procedure, performed in a doctor's office, yet these revisions seem completely unavailable in Canada.

In sharp contrast, transvestites seem almost completely unaffected by medical rejections. This is obviously because most don't take hormone pills and have no reason to broach the subject with their doctors.

If you investigate this issue in Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver, where most people have easy access to gender clinics, you won't likely find much evidence to support it. However, it is not uncommon to find transsexuals or transgenderists from smaller cities or rural areas who have no access to medical care at all.

SOLUTIONS

It seems obvious that the kinds of activism currently practiced in our community simply are not working. Our peerage needs to declare and then defend its social equality. We need to concentrate upon solely pragmatic solutions, seeking to make the fullest possible use of existing legislation. We must also change our measuring standards for success. It is no longer enough to simply speak impressive words in public; we must now begin to undertake human rights projects. Having Equal Access to Society is the only acceptable outcome.

The two dominant systemic problems we all face will require a strategy that works hand-in-hand with human rights enforcers. It should be obvious that we could each file individual complaints about these issues but, aside from jamming up the rights enforcement system with a steady stream of redundant complaints, nothing would change. What we need is a human rights commission-initiated approach that provides permanent, beneficial, policy change and eliminates these problems from our lives in single proceedings.

The challenge to endemic discrimination is a task that rests squarely upon the shoulders of its victims. So long as we permit people to push us around, they will. What is needed is a vigorous series of cases in the human rights system, with the specific intent of setting legal precedents that deliberately take away society's permission to discriminate. Only the setting of human rights precedents can meaningfully reduce our oppression.

In the end, we shall have exactly those rights we choose to defend.

Our Fears

by Kimberly Ann Coconis

There are many, many fears that we in the transgendered community must face. Some are really quite small, while still others are so intense you become totally inundated about it. Living with our fears is one of the hardest aspects of our chosen desires.

I remember way, way, back, over thirty years ago, when I shaved my legs for the first time. The fear I felt then is still fresh in my mind today. Fear as if I'm going to get caught, what's going to happen at gym class, what if I have to wear shorts or a bathing suit. Also, there were smaller fears pertaining to shaving as, can I pick up all this hair, it seemed like a peck at the time, but of course it wasn't even close. I did it in the bathroom. While doing it I had this fear that someone would come home. Now I'm locked in the bathroom alone. Even if someone had come home, they wouldn't have the slightest idea what I was up to. Nevertheless, the fear was still there.

I have found that it varies greatly in intensity, but it's almost always there, especially with the first anything. You know, the first time out in public, the first time in high-heels, the first time you dance with someone of the same sex without being read, or even worse, the first time you were read. Remember? I most certainly do.

Isn't it funny, you would think one could eventually get used to it. I'm afraid it isn't going to happen for me in this lifetime. After all these many years, it will sneak up on me—Fear. Just this past fall I was at a solitary place trying to learn how to run in heels, over four inches. I practiced often and it's a piece of cake today,but at the time, whenever a car came by, or for that matter, whenever I saw the lights of a car, even if it was five blocks away, my heart would go into overdrive. Here was that fear still as perplexing as ever, scaring the hell out of me.

I think we are by design meant to feel this fear, it's the only way for us to know when we have to conciliate fear, especially a particular one. We do beat our fear more often than not. There isn't any fear in shaving my legs anymore, or shaving my arms, underarms, hands, chest or even my private areas. I am now able to shave

it all without the slightest bit of fear.

There is a moral to what I have said, and the bottom line is that we always fear the unknown. As such action becomes natural, the fear totally subsides. So I guess that some of those self-appointed experts (we have certainly more than enougn) do have a major point in their favor, they all recognized the need for practice, lots of practice, and isn't that what helps the fear go south? I think so. Please, the next time your fear sneaks up on you, start practicing. Put your head high, look straight ahead, smile if you can, and get down to business: PRACTICE!

Hawking... checking people real close, like a teenage *girl* does.

I have just come from the local mall. In itself this is no big deal, only this was a more eventful experience then usual, insofar as I encountered a half-dozen CDs. We're talking an early Monday afternoon. I was in my male mode, since I never do the mall in the city where I live, it's just too chancy, I know too many people and the odds on discovery are too great.

Anyway, I go to the mall and Hawk, that's checking people real close, like a hawk, much as an adolescent teenage girl does, and watching the women, girls, and CDs to see if I can expand my female persona a little by incorporating something I noticed into my regular routine. But six CDs in a span of an hour or so, what a pleasant surprise. There may have been more, that's doubtful only because I'm very, very good at Hawking. Trust me on this one.

Of the six, three were read instantly, not just by me, but by everyone, most of whom didn't much care one way or the other. Their makeup was atrocious, and all three were wearing long blonde wigs, all improperly combed and teased. I've found by observing other people as they passed by that I can successfully gauge how well a CD's presentation is. If there is a lot of smiling, snickers, or downright cat-calls, that CD better head south for, something.

I don't follow them, I mainly just sit and watch. By doing so I've found that most don't put forth the time and effort necessary to pull it off. This, of course, is only my opinion and not a whole lot more. I try to observe everything, mannerisms, style, femininity, and the degree of correctness of the whole package.

One of the remaining three was a young CD in the early 2Os, s/he was quite passable until she started walking. It turned into a stride, and before you could say, "No, don't!" she started flaunting her stuff. OK if everything is in sync, but in her case it wasn't, and as she passed by she received smiles from everybody, most of whom were in a state of laughter. The CD didn't even notice, she just kept on going, putting on a show as she did. Talk about being in a world of your own!

One of the remaining two was a slim elderly type, like over 6O. Everything was perfect, absolutely perfect, and that's what allowed me to read her. I didn't notice anything as she passed other than admiring glances. I had never really noticed how being too perfect, like a model, or a doll drew so much of my attention. Her clothes had not a wrinkle, everything matching, the ensemble was perfect, the makeup perfect, I do mean everything perfect, not so much as a strand of hair was out of place. As a matter of fact, nothing was. That CD has more class in her pinky than all the fore-mentioned had in their entire bodies. I guess if you're going to draw attention to yourself, then doing so with too much class (if there is such a thing) is the way to go. On a scale of 1-to-l0, she was certainly a 12! Real, real classy. I truly wish I could have talked with her, she could teach me so very much, dynamite! I feel she was/is a role model, and I could be wrong about her being a CD, but I doubt it. I know she was, and may God bless her.

The last of the six was in her late 3Os, or early 4Os. Jeans, jacket, flats, and just a touch of makeup. Casual type and she blended in so well. I was the only one who would have thought otherwise. There is just something wonderful about someone making little or no effort and coming across as a normal, normal female. So, you may ask, how did I come to read her? At first I didn't. I was just checking her out to pick up a few pointers, I was Hawking, to improve myself. Then she made a small mistake that was later followed by a larger one. The small mistake was that she picked her teeth with one of her press-on nails. A lady would never do that, at least no lady I know. This made me watch her even more closely. Going past a shoe store she stopped, looked, and saw a pair she liked. All her mannerisms were beautiful. I started thinking I had misjudged this one, one error does not a CD make. That is when she made a real big mistake. While the sales clerk was out back finding the right size, she sat down in a very unladylike fashion. She quickly caught herself and corrected it, fast. Knowing that she had done something so unfeminine she started looking around to see if anyone had possibly noticed. I had. She saw me, knew, and then instead of looking me in the eye and smiling, she bowed her head between her legs. She knew, I knew, and she was embarrassed, ashamed, or whatever. I don't think she'll make that error again. It must have been that she did what she did only because she wasn't thinking about what she was doing while she was doing it. I should make so few and so minor errors. But, at the very least, when I do, I make eye contact and bring forth the biggest smile I can. I never hide, ever. I have learned over the years that a smile disarms a person faster then anything else. So that's what I do, even if my face is a little

Safe Spaces: The Politics of Inclusion

by Callan Williams

One of the key issues for transgendered people is finding acceptance, affirmation and love for not just their outer selves, but for the inner person they carry with them.

Transgendered people are not the only people with this issue of having both an outer self and an inner self. According to Claudia Pinkola Estés, author of *Women Who Run with the Wolves,* each of us is really two people. In her tape *How to Love a Woman,* she states that we have an outer person who is a resident of the world, who is smart and sensible. She goes on to say that we also have an inner person, who is feeling and in touch with the "underworld," with the inner life. She recommends that you always ask two questions of people: "How do you feel about this?" and, "How do you feel inside about this?" She feels that this will help us understand how other people really feel. While Dr. Estés is focused on this as a technique to help relationships, we must ask these questions of ourselves.

Many of us understand the tension between this inner and outer person. We know that we are two people, one that lives in our heart and is in touch with spirit, and one that lives in the world and knows how to work in it. But we find it difficult to connect with that inner self.

What we look for is a safe space to let out that inner self. We look for a place that we can be honest and open about our feelings. This is important to our development. Often we find that the amount we open up is in direct relationship to how free we feel in the space. We need safe space to explore the "unsafe" parts of us.

There are two kinds of safe space. One is extrinsic safe space, which may be seen as a closet, or as a bedroom. It is a place where we feel free because of the place. A good example is a support group or a gender convention.

Sacred space is simply space where magic happens. Because the most powerful magic is the magic that happens inside of people, often the most important sacred space is also safe space, or sanctuary. It is a sacred place where people are free enough to explore their own magic. Not all sacred space is also sanctuary, but all sanctuary is sacred.

The other kind of safe space is intrinsic safe space. It is not a location, but a feeling, like a bubble, that you are safe within yourself, with a friend. We are free to be ourselves not just in a special closet, but everywhere we go. This is the kind of safety that we are all trying to build, a free accepting place we carry with us, and share with other humans.

Therapists are skilled in creating a safe, non-judgmental space. They try to provide a spot where we can say what we need to say without fear of judgment or condemnation. It is then our job to summon our own honesty and openness to explore our own issues. We sometimes meet people that we feel safe around, that carry this bubble of acceptance with them.

Unfortunately, many of us cannot accept open space that comes from place or from another because we cannot create a safe space inside ourselves. We have trouble accepting our own humanity, our inner self. We tend to rage at the shame we feel rather than feeling comfortable enough to use the safe space to explore who we are.

The primary goal of safe space is to allow a place for us to expose the things inside of us that we feel are unsafe. The feelings, the actions, the thoughts that are seemingly inappropriate, that will get us into trouble. Safe space is a place to open the dark places of ourselves and explore them.

Our culture has been one that has rejected the quirky mature of our humanity. We were brought up to be a good kid, one that fit into industrial America interchangeably. The rules were hard and fast, and as kids, we thought we had to learn to take our own internal landscape and bulldoze it flat, filling ponds, cutting off mountains, to fit in the pre-fabricated roles that we were issued.

Like a *bubble,* you are safe to be yourself with a *friend.*

OUR FEARS continued ➤

red from being read. Life goes on, as they say.

So, what's the moral of this story? I'm not sure. Maybe it's that only 33% of us are passable, and even then we're not perfect, or maybe overly so. From what I observed, the last two were only read by me, and only because I was Hawking them. They both wouldn't have any difficulties in passing in public now or ever. As for the others, if only I could tell them what it is they're doing wrong! I can't, but if I don't, how are they going to know? I feel sure that their very next time out they're going to make exactly the same mistakes all over again, maybe forever. How sad!

At this point, though, I find I'm making a *reality check,* to make sure that I'm really doing what I think I'm doing, and that my persona is always the same. A little self examination is good for all of us at times. This may well be a good time. **Do It!!**

But this is changing. Thanks to the recovery movement, we know that we all have a varied internal landscape, a slightly different person. We learn to take responsibility for our own structures, building structures that fit our internal landscape, rather than trying to obliterate it.

If you need proof that we are becoming more accepting of the diversity of humans, look to the media. David Letterman has built his entire show on the notion that all humans are real nice, if a little odd. We get to see an honest image of people, rather than a squeaky-clean over polished image. When we see his mom from the Olympics, or a person off the street, they are shy, uncomfortable and a bit quirky...and our heart immediately goes out to them. We love real people, honest, true and interesting. As humans, we have a kind of telepathy, non-verbal communication that lets us know someone's true feelings, and we connect with them.

On a recent show Geraldo wanted to know what crossdressers should be called if they sleep with women: homosexual, lesbian? The psychiatrist answered simply, "Human." The audience applauded. We are beginning to understand that our underlying common humanity is much more of a bond than the ways in which we are diverse. The acceptance makes it safe to express all of our humanity.

We get uncomfortable when we see people who appear fake, surface, like they are hiding something. We are afraid that they do not understand or accept their own humanity, and cannot accept ours. Marianne Williamson, author of *A Return to Love,* talks about the notion of showing up, being there with your whole self, open and honest. Others sense the honesty and acceptance and respond.

Building a safe space inside requires us to accept our entire humanity, not just what we think that we should be. This is not easy. We are used to creating a heavily edited version of ourselves, filling in the hidden parts with some simulated wood-grain panels. We think we must hide.

Without accepting our humanity, we find it impossible to be a safe space for other people. We ask others to be honest with us, but then get crazy when we hear things that we don't want to hear. When we do that, people soon learn that it is not safe to be honest with us. We separate ourselves from others because we cannot accept their, or our own basic humanity.

Giving is receiving. Many of us have found that when we are able to give safety and acceptance to others, we then receive it in our life. When we stop denying our humanity and are honest about who we are, people accept us much more readily.

Safe spaces are simply spaces where we can let our inner selves into the world, where we can dance freely, feeling accepted. They are spaces where we accept the basic good in humans.

Anytime we make a judgment about other people, about what they wear, about their choices, about their actions, we make a judgment about ourselves. When we put down someone else, we create an environment where we can be judged and put down. The space becomes unsafe for everyone.

As transgendered, we must understand what it feels like to be completely human. And we must accept the humanity in others, create safe spaces where they feel safe to express their diversity. We can be inclusive, with a deep belief that all humans are essentially the same, however they express themselves, or whatever their culture. We can be a representation of the continuous, common humanity that is inside each of us.

When we do that, we also create a safe space for our expressions of who we are, and create a little better world for everyone. We perform a service to the world, a service of value and worth. by accepting and understanding the different points of view in ourselves, we can help the world accept, understand and integrate the points of view of the range of humans.

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All Transsexuals Are Not Alike

by James Green

I have many Male-to-Female (MTF) friends, and we've often joked about how we feel like ships passing in the night on our journeys to the opposite ends of the gender spectrum. And wouldn't it be great if we could just pair up for our surgeries and exchange body parts, ho, ho, ho. But I have lately come to realize how wide is the gulf between our navies.

I think this gulf is composed of our socialization and our very human propensity for judging the experience of others through the veil of our own experience. Now I'm going to try to explicate this theory. I realize I'm going to make some gross generalizations about you and about me in order to do this explication, and I beg your indulgence and forgiveness in advance. I'm going to repeat some generalizations that I've heard Male-to-Females say about Female-to-Males. Please remember I'm talking about MTFs and FTMs as classes, and not referring to specific individuals to whom generalizations may not apply. My goal is to broaden our collective thinking, not to divide us.

Generalization #1: *FTMs have it easier because it's socially acceptable for them to wear men's clothes before and during transition.*

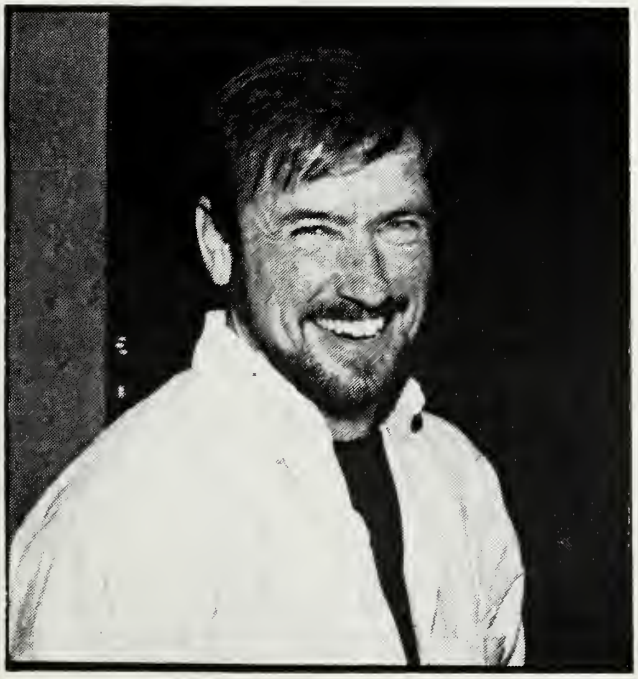
On the surface this is true. However, what looks like women's privilege has its drawbacks for FTMs. As non-transsexual women can attest, there is as much social pressure to maintain femininity as there is for anatomic males to maintain the masculine pride of the men around them. And any woman who expressed her masculine side as a girl will confirm that there is always a point at which "tomboy" behavior is also ridiculed and forbidden. The fact that women are socially permitted to wear men's clothes (to varying degrees) serves to render female-to-male transsexuals (and some cross-dressers) invisible. Ultimately this invisibility makes understanding and self-acceptance more difficult for the FTM because his desire to express himself as a man is confused with lesbian-feminist and/or androgynist politics. And in a milieu where masculine appearance is praised while masculine behavior and feelings are ridiculed, the mixed message works to drive feelings underground.

Generalization #2: *MTFs have to adjust to taking lower paying jobs, while FTMs can look forward to better employment opportunities.*

I was stunned when I heard this one. Most FTMs are just not prepared to become captains of industry. Also, many FTMs go through periods of unemployment and career redirection during and after transition. If their transsexualism is known, FTMs are subject to the same prejudicial treatment as MTFs. Jobs are gender-typed; this applies no less to pink-collar jobs and white-collar jobs than to blue-collar jobs. There are male and female management styles, as well as male and female communication styles. Taking hormones doesn't immediately change your socialization. Male socialization is often more successful in corporations where people are expected to be aggressive and competitive. People who are not raised to play male hierarchy games often unconsciously put out the signal that "I'm #2." Often the very skills which made a pre-transition FTM successful in business—qualities like cooperativeness, enthusiasm, a "can-do" attitude—will work against him as others begin to relate to him as a man, interpreting him as weak and lacking in leadership skills. There is also the education factor: men who grew up as women in the '60's and '70's were not uniformly steered toward occupations in which they could find later success as men.

Generalization #3: *All FTMs want is a big dick.*

Most men, whether they become soldiers, psychologists, or surgeons, have learned that one of the results of failure in male socialization is to be called a woman or a girl, to have it said about him that he has no balls. As we



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Ships passing in the night, unaware that you are not alone.

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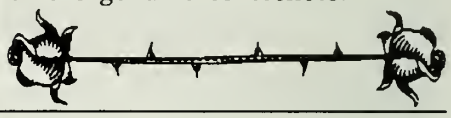
post-ops know, genitals are certifiers of gender, but they are not the center of it; therefore I was very surprised to hear an MTF reducing FTM motivation to its lowest common denominator. Sure, most FTMs have accepted the sexual symbolism of the penis and would love to have a good-sized one that worked perfectly, but we are aware of the limitations of surgery and aware of our masculinity in a deeper, more spiritual way. I am dismayed that whenever I read about TSs in mainstream publications there seems to be a fascination with genitalia and a lack of interest in the social construction of gender. Our process is largely concerned with the social ramifications of our actions: relationships to family, lovers, friends, employers, the mechanics of changing identification papers, medical records, employment history, dealing with how out-of-the-closet to be at any given time, dealing with being "read" or "clocked," these are the on-going issues of our lives. Surgery is only a step along the way, albeit a giant step; but once that step is behind us, there's a big world out there, and now our challenge is to live in it. What's in my pants is on my mind a small percentage of the time. Okay, sure, when it's time for sex, my cock is the center of the universe for a little while. But it doesn't govern my life, nor has any FTM I know given his penis (or his desire for one) that much credit for making him a man. Many FTMs, in fact, lead very happy lives without having any genital surgery. Not having a big penis, or any penis at all, does not prohibit us from having relationships and pleasuring our partners.

The phrase "ships passing in the night" refers to the phenomenon of being unaware that you are not alone. We are all individuals on a similar journey of self-discovery and creation. We are not mirror images of each other, and we do not covet each other's sloughed-off organs and rejected hairstyles. We have much to offer each other, and we need to learn more about each other. We need to be able to stand together when the non-transsexual world oppresses us. And we need to be able to recognize and respect each other's genuine differences.



Remember To Forget

by Melanie Anne Phillips

It was nearly five years since the first moment I seriously considered becoming a woman. I had hormone therapy, the real life test, sexual reassignment surgery and learned to pass so well, that close friends were amazed if I told them of my past. I got wolf whistles, horn honks and heads turning most everywhere I went. So what was it that made me still feel like a man in women's clothing?

No matter how successful I was, no matter how accepted I became, I still could not shake that inner feeling that something was missing, that somehow I was not the same as other women. And I desperately wanted to be. What more could I do? What else could I be? Then it hit me: You can't become someone only by being like they are, but you must also NOT be like they AREN'T.

What does this mean? It means that people and roles are not only defined by what they INCLUDE, but also by what they EXCLUDE. But for me, this goes against the grain! Becoming a woman should be an ADDITION to my life, not a DELETION of any sort! And yet, I knew it was true. All I had to do was look around me at some of the other TVs and TSs I knew. How many times have you seen a gorgeous CD who slinks up to the bar and says, "Gimme a beer!"? There may be any number of ways a woman might order a drink, but that is definitely not one of them! The point being, this person had done all the right things to be completely passable, but had ALSO done something that was specifically not part of the role.

This is fine for passing, but what about for my mental state? Was there something I was doing MENTALLY that I needed to stop? Yes there was. I was keeping the memory of Dave alive. You see, all through transition, especially AFTER surgery, I enjoyed my new role by constantly comparing it to the old. Every morning when I awoke, my hands would find their way to the new smoothness between my legs and I would smile, thinking back to how it USED to be and how much better it was now. Then, throughout the day, every time a stranger accepted me, every time I attracted the interest of a man, I thought about how that never would have happened before, and the strangeness that it should happen now. What irony! What magic! What a mistake!!!

I was engaging in a mental activity that no woman has ever gone through. My whole euphoric experience was built on patterns of thought that were not appropriate to the feminine role. I had been everything a woman MUST be, but was still being something they MUST NOT! In a sense, I had not

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become a woman at all, but only a very successful transsexual. But, to give that up! To let go of that comparison that brought so much pleasure. What an emotional loss! Did I really want to do that? Who would know but me. Who, indeed...Suddenly I realized that all through transition I had been telling everyone I met that I used to be a guy. I even carried an old photo of a bearded me in my purse to whip out and shock people. I enjoyed that. To me it was a measurement of my success as to just how shocked they were. Every time it happened, I felt so PROUD of myself, so accomplished—so SPECIAL. And therein lies the problem. If I based my "specialness" on having been a man, that man would always be a part of me.

I had a lot of justifications for telling, of course. Mostly, it seemed the only truly honest thing to do. After all, I really WAS a man before, and wouldn't it be lying to keep it hidden? In fact, the closer the friend, the bigger a lie it would be. Well, from a logical standpoint, that is true. Physically, I WAS a man. But what about the emotional side? Did I ever FEEL like a man, no. Did I ever THINK like a man, no. Did I ever THINK OF MYSELF as a man, no. I never felt like a woman either, but only because I didn't know what a woman was supposed to feel like. But for sure, I never felt like a man. And what was my purpose here? To revel in a job well done? To have a way to become the center of attention at any party? Surely those are interesting powers and temptations, but was it what I really wanted for my life? Was it the kind of person I had fought so hard to be? No.

Then what was I to do? Did I need to hit myself over the head and become an amnesiac, waking up in some unknown park, wandering the streets of a strange city, then begin a new life never knowing of my male past? Maybe in the Twilight Zone, but not in Burbank. They don't allow that kind of thing here. So how do you go about intentionally forgetting something anyway? Well, it depends on what you are trying to forget. Okay, then, what was I trying to forget? That I ever was a man? Not really...I don't think I could EVER forget THAT! What then? What else was there? If not fact... Ah! That was it! I didn't want to forget that I WAS a man, I wanted to forget what it FELT like to be a man!

All right...so how do you go about forgetting feelings? Well, actually, it happens by itself. The more you find yourself separated from situations that created those feelings, the less you will remember them UNLESS YOU CONSCIOUSLY KEEP THOSE MEMORIES ALIVE. That was my problem: I had not let go. I was constantly regenerating those feelings by the very act of comparing the present ones to the old ones. Each time I did this I dredged up the old feelings and gave them new life. The solution was simple: let it go.

Once I realized this, implementation was easy. When I awoke each morning, I still might examine the female nature of my body, but not so that I might compare, rather so I might simply enjoy it for what it was. On the street I would simply smile to myself in response to a wolf whistle because it made me feel good to be attractive. At work, my conversations lingered less and less on the gender aspects of my history and more on the things I had done, the places I had gone, and the current and future activities I was engaged in. And I made a commitment: to begin to lie.

No longer will I share my story with new friends or acquaintances. Depending on the situation, there are some who will find out, either by circumstance or from others, but they will NOT FIND OUT FROM ME. When I speak of my past, I will no longer temper the truth by saying, "When I was a child..." but will bold-faced state, "When I was a little girl..." AND MEAN IT. Because although it may be a lie in terms of logic, it is God's honest truth in terms of feelings.

This week I have made an appointment to change my school records to Melanie from Dave, and I am beginning the process of altering my birth certificate and obtaining a legal name change. I have spoken with a counselor, and will be registering for the spring semester for continuing education at the community college. On Monday, I'm calling Parks and Recreation to find out how I can volunteer to help backstage at the local amateur theatre. And all of the new people I meet will only know me as Melanie.

Does this mean I will no longer write about transition and gender, or no longer be involved in the community? No, the KNOWLEDGE I gained is valuable and is the basis for my current and future career. I intend to expand my efforts in these areas and explore the relationships between the genders as far as I can. But all this will be done under the name Phillips that I was born with, whereas all my personal relationships will know me only under my step-father's name that I have used since I was nine.

It may not be a perfect solution, but with the nature of my work and my career, a perfect solution is not possible. Yet, it is a far better solution than I HAD been employing. Now...now that all this is said and done, how do I FEEL? I feel like all the woman I ever wanted to be, because although I know I used to be a man, I can't seem to remember what it used to feel like.

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Are You Still My Dad?

by Dr. Lee Reynolds

I have two grown up daughters. We have always been very close and I have often questioned if I should share my secret life of crossdressing with them. Although I believed they should not be upset or disapprove of my lifestyle, I feared most that they might let my secret slip to people outside of our family.

It seems to me that when people outside of the cross dressing community react to us, it is their own stereotype that they respond to. For example, if they believe that men who dress like women are homosexual, they assume we are gay. If people believe that men who dress like women are emotionally disturbed, they react in kind.

Both of my daughters know and accept crossdressers, but how would they respond when they found out that their father was a crossdresser?

I had been to a Halloween party with them last year when I was dressed en femme. They had seen my photographs of other Halloween costumes—Dad, always dressed like a woman. I think that I was slowly inoculating them for the day when I might eventually share my secret with them.

I left bits of "evidence" for them to find, to let them slowly discover that their father was a cross dresser. At our summer cabin I hung a large framed photo of me wearing a Playboy Bunny costume. I did not hide my shaved legs. When asked why I did it, I simply explained that I liked to have shaved legs.

Recently, when my oldest daughter was visiting us on vacation in Phoenix, she finally worked up the courage to ask my wife if I dressed like a woman even if it wasn't Halloween. My wife deferred and suggested that my daughter ask me. Time went by, but she did not ask me. I decided that I would tell her about my crossdressing when I went to visit her back East at the end of the summer.

On the day before I was to fly back for my visit, I received a large packaged envelop in the mail from my youngest daughter. I opened it and pulled out a Father's Day gift of a commercial VHS movie of John Wayne. There was also a note and a magazine. I glanced at the magazine. My eyes opened wide and a shock struck me like a bolt of electricity. It was a copy of *Tapestry*. I felt uncertain. As I started to read the note, I could feel my heart pounding so hard I could hardly read.

She was direct and to the point. She explained that on the previous weekend when she stayed at the cabin she had opened my closet trying to locate a jacket and found women's clothing. She explained that she had suspected that I was a crossdresser for some time. She reassured me that it was perfectly all right if I was a cross dresser. She included the copy of *Tapestry* because a post-operative transsexual she knew suggested it for anyone interested in crossdressing. My daughter explained that she was disappointed that she could not locate the magazine in a regular newsstand and had to buy it at an adult book store.

She also suggested that I write to the International Foundation for Gender Education for further information about cross-dressing.

I studied the *Tapestry* magazine very carefully. The issue was several years old. I could not help but wonder what her reaction would have been if she had bought the most recent issue and had seen my photograph and Personal Listing.

In her note she explained that if I did not care to talk about her "suspicions," it would be all right and she would understand.

I was so relieved and proud of her.

Possibly there are times in life that our ability to be an effective parent is measured. I had always tried to teach both of my children to be open, tolerant, and accepting of others, even if they are different from others. Little did I know that a final test was waiting for me in the future. The moment had arrived and she showed that she could accept her father who she now realized behaved "differently" than other men.

I knew that I wanted to talk with her face-to-face and to talk about my crossdressing, but I was on my way to visit my oldest daughter back East the following day.

Several days after I arrived back East, I invited my daughter to lunch at a nice restaurant. I decided to approach the conversation openly and honestly. I did not want in any way to express any shame or guilt about my crossdressing.

I simply said, "Honey, you asked about my crossdressing, and I want to talk to you about it. Is it all right with you?" I could feel the delight and happiness in her face. Her answer was obvious.

I explained that I had been crossdressing for about five years and that I did not believe that there was anything shameful about it, and I. have accepted that it was something that I wanted to do. I asked her if she had some specific questions about men who crossdress.

The usual questions were asked, "You don't like guys, do you Dad?" I explained that guys are okay, but I like women better, otherwise, I would always dress like a guy rather than a woman.

She then asked if I wanted to have surgery and become a woman. I explained that I liked dressing like a woman, but I didn't like it that much. I explained that I would much prefer to be her father rather than her mother.

She seemed very relieved that I confirmed her suspicions about her dad being a cross dresser, and I had alleviated her basic fears about me being gay or wanting sex reassignment surgery.

Finally she smiled, and asked, "So, when do I get a chance to meet you dressed as a woman?" I explained that I did not bring my "other" wardrobe when I came to visit her.

Several days later we were saying good-bye at the airport. We were both teary eyed, saying our final good-byes. She reminded me to give her gifts to her sister and step-mother. She had bought earrings for them. She smiled coyly, then remarked, "I bought you a pair too."

I hugged her and retreated quickly down the boarding ramp before breaking down completely into tears. I was so proud of her.

As the plane climbed, my thoughts returned to both of my daughters. Both of them, without talking to each other, had decided that having a father who was a crossdresser was perfectly alright with them, and they were willing to accept me for who and what I am.

The fears that I had about them being embarrassed or rejecting me because of my crossdressing were unreal. I did not fully understand why they were so accepting. Was it because I was able to accept my crossdressing honestly and without shame? Was it something that I had taught them about tolerance when they were growing up? I did not really know. But one thing I knew for sure. I was relieved and comfortable knowing that I was able to share with both of my daughters a private and personal part of my life.

As the plane reached cruising altitude, I leaned back, smiled, rested my head on the cushion, and fell into a deep and restful sleep.

The Last Time I Saw Paris...

by Dorothy Francis

The last time I visited Paris, I said that I thought that next time I would travel dressed. Our editor expressed some doubt about this, which, of course, made me all the more determined to try. Women can be so contrary!

Over the past year, my hairdresser, who also allows me to change at the shop, has been encouraging me to grow my hair long enough to be styled naturally, and this time he gave me a cut and blow-dry (No, dear, blow-dry) which left me with a neat but feminine coiffure. I was wearing my favourite dark green tartan suit over a white embroidered blouse, and, with my black coat, bag and gloves, I looked very much the wife of a prosperous City Solicitor, which is the effect at which I am usually aiming.

On arriving at Heathrow, I left the bag with my male clothes in the boot of the car, and, with my bridges irrevocably burnt behind me, took the transit coach to Terminal 1. At the check-in desk, the girl looked somewhat surprised when I showed her my passport, but she didn't say anything except to ask the usual questions, including whether I was carrying any electrical goods. I was, a travelling iron, a hair dryer and a hot comb, so we had quite a conversation before she handed me my boarding card and wished me a pleasant flight.

Safely through the security check, the Immigration Officer didn't even look at my passport. The airline representative at the gate did, though; but all she said was to ask whether I was travelling on my husband's passport! She didn't even look particularly disconcerted when I told her that it was my own.

No trouble on the aircraft. "Would Madame like a drink?" Madame certainly would, and did. No trouble at Charles de Gaulle Airport, though the French Immigration Officer, a rather stern looking gendarme, looked as surprised when looking at my passport as had the check-in girl at Heathrow. Through customs and on to the coach to the Air France terminus at the Arc de Triomphe, where I caught a taxi to the hotel at which the Association members were to stay. "Au revoir, Madame. Bonne soirée!" said the taxi driver, as he took the fare, and a decent tip, after carrying my bag into the hotel for me.

I had been invited to the annual Paris meeting of the Association Beaumont Continental, the French equivalent of the Beaumont Society, of which I am a member. It was to be an important occasion, since there was to be a formal meeting to approve a new constitution as well as a visit to a night club.

Full of confidence now, I sailed up to the reception desk and announced myself. "I am sorry, Sir. Did you not know? The meeting was cancelled last Monday. Did nobody tell you? I regret that the hotel is full. The Boat Show, you know."

I discovered later that the person responsible for booking the hotel had done nothing about it until too late. They had indeed tried to warn me, but their telegram never reached me until after I had got back. It was sent on Monday, but was not forwarded from Watford until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Now, there's efficiency for you!

Disaster! There I was, hundreds of miles from my male clothes, with a huge suitcase full of undies and evening dresses, an Apex return ticket which could only be used on Sunday, and nowhere to stay.

From then on, I am very glad to say, things started to improve rapidly. The lady at the reception, though she still insisted on calling me "Monsieur," found me a room at a decent hotel nearby, and Françoise, another Association member, who had also not heard of the cancellation and had just arrived from Alsace, summoned some of the Paris members to an impromptu dinner party at the local restaurant. They had, indeed, already arranged to visit a new night club for TVs, Chez Nino in the rue de Nesle in the Latin Quarter. So, after dinner (for which they refused to let me pay my share), we set off for Chez Nino. I was, as usual, rather overdressed, but my friends said that I looked regal, which pleased me, and I enjoyed every minute of it. I thought I was going to be assaulted by a rather small, but very butch lesbian; and I was assaulted, in the nicest possible way, by an English homosexual TV called Lesley, an overpowering lady in every sense. Fortunately, I managed to keep my virtue intact with the aid of my handbag!

I didn't get to bed till after three, and I had Saturday to myself; so I slept late, and, after a bath and a leisurely time putting on my clothes and make-up, this time wearing a French knitted suit in chestnut brown, I sauntered down the street to the corner cafe for a croissant and coffee. "Au plaisir de vous revoir, Madame!" I then arranged in a photography shop for some running repairs to my camera. "Aucun probleme, Madame!" Then I took the Metro to the Place de la Concorde, where a kind gentleman agreed to take my photo, "A votre service, Madame!"

I would have loved to have wandered into Karl Lagerfeld, or Givenchy, Jacques Fath or Yves St. Laurent, Ted Lapidus or Hermes; but they would have had nothing in my size, so I contented myself with window shopping, in competition with hordes of German and Japanese tourists, before going into a small restaurant in the rue Boissy d'Anglais for a delicious meal of oysters and pot-au-feu, washed down with half a bottle of Bordeaux.

In the evening, I wandered down to the cafe on the corner for a couple of gin and tonics, had dinner in a Lebanese restaurant nearby, and turned in fairly early.

Coming home was much the same story as going. This time nobody made any comment at all, except to wish me a pleasant flight, except that the French security man shouted after me, "Madame!" just when I thought I was safely through. I had set off the alarm on the security gate, and he made me take my overcoat off and go through again in order, I suppose, to satisfy himself that I was not carrying a bomb in my panty-corselet. The English woman Immigration Officer didn't even look surprised when she looked at my passport. By now, perhaps my make-up was wearing a little thin, but I think that it was just that she was not interested in my peculiar habits. I made my way back to the car, where I was reunited with my detestable male clothes, before going off on another adventure which I may tell you about some other time.

I was right after all. If you are well-dressed, and behave yourself as a lady should, it is perfectly possible to travel abroad without any problem ninety-nine percent of the time. The trouble is what happens the remaining one percent of the time: I thought I was going to find out when I discovered that there was no room for me at the inn. I hope you all had a very happy Christmas.

Masculinity, Femininity, Crossdressing & The Evolution Of Society

by D. McKay

In the past year, since I finally accepted myself for the person I really am, and that is the way God had intended to make me in the world, at age 41, my 37 years of denial and guilt had finally come to an end. I wanted to educate myself as much as I could on the extra quality that God had thrown in to our make-up.

I attended the IFGE Coming Together - Working Together convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1993, plus other seminars, psychologist and psychiatrist meetings, along with books, *Tapestry* and *Femme Mirror* information and articles. I've met lots of CDs and TSs here in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Canada. I felt I had a good enough handle on the phenomena to try to explain the basics to the general public.

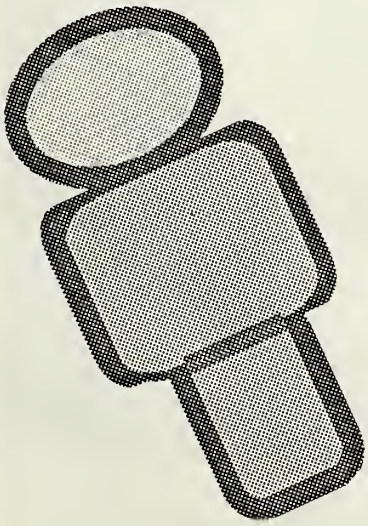
This has not been without a price, however. It has cost me my marriage, but, through counseling, I have found that the stability needed for a good marriage to survive was never there from the start. So it was just the straw that broke the camel's back. It has given me more time to devote to my refinement of the art of passing. I've actually had good success doing full weekends out a couple of times a month or so. My height and my hands are still my only give away, and then only for someone who is looking for it. The mind-set and everything else are in place. So my "out" experience gives me some qualification.

My closest CD friends, like me, are heterosexual males, so we share the same familiar story. We don't know why we are like this. We do, however, know what we enjoy about it. I personally would rather look like a woman; that is why I pursue it. It isn't that I despise being a man. It's just very unfortunate that I am not able to look and dress as I truly would prefer to. It just so happens that females dress and look exactly the same way. Society says they can because of their physical construction, but I cannot because of mine.

If a woman wants to dress like a man with a masculine haircut and work and talk like a man, thus being a "half-man," society says that's perfectly okay. They are permitted to change their look and hairstyle and clothes to whatever style they so choose. That's okay, too. As men, we are only allowed to go so far with our look, so long as it remains a masculine type. So, as males, we cannot go out in public as a "half-woman" because society won't accept that. So, we *must* go the furthest extreme of not only look, but movement, mannerism, voice, speech and total feminine mind-set to try our best to pass in order to be accepted in public. Anything less would be degrading, and rightly so, for it is that type of being we would love to emulate to begin with all our lives. To "pass" as such, gives us great satisfaction, to be able to let free or create that second self within. And, if one is good enough at it, it can knock years off a person's appearance.

We are still similar to every other male in this endeavor we are pursuing. I know in my own experience that a softer, more understanding and yielding person is being exposed. We are still male, only we are different. In many cases, the aspect of continuing along the gender scale to the point of living as a woman would either be too confusing for other people in our social realm, or we simply do not have that much overwhelming feminine association within us to want to progress. So a temporary escape with our second self is enough to enjoy occasionally.

Now, since there are only pockets of individuals who give presentations and interviews on this subject, my area of central Pennsylvania is actually starved. So I have started contacting universities and giving presentations on crossdressing.



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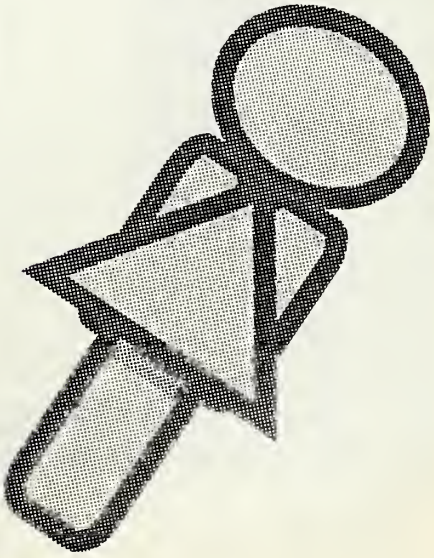

Since the break up of my marriage, I have been meeting women who also have been through years of failed marriage. To my astonishment, I have come to an alarming conclusion. Even as my femme self I have been in women's conversations which have affirmed my conclusion. I am not sure if it can be placed on life's pressures or on any particular movement, but the women are not only dressing more and more like men, they are being more and more "masculinized" by society.

In the last 20 years, women's rights have demanded that they be integrated into men's jobs and positions. In fact, most female college students are there to qualify for jobs which were once dominated by men, and they will have to compete with men for them. So, she must put aside her femininity in order to be more assertive, more demanding and more aggressive than she may normally have been. She now becomes more involved in the male "struggle to the top," and must compete as a male in the male field. It is not that I am against a woman receiving equal status and equal pay for equal performance, but rather my concern that this slow hardening that has occurred in the past couple of decades has been matched by the climb in divorce rates. When this occurs, I have noticed an even further hardening because of the woman's single-handed effort in running the family affairs. It would be very hard for a lasting relationship to endure with two competing male views. Either one or the other or both must show some feminine characteristics for the union to survive.

So, is it truly that bad for a crossdresser to show more femininity? To look at it realistically, which is the greater concern to society, the slow masculinization of a good portion of the women in society today, or a minority of males who have that bit of feminine within them that they choose to express? It is my hope that our culture can withstand the shift in gender role, and an understanding that our existence represents a movement toward a common ground that everyone should recognize as non-biased, equal state we should all share, regardless of our physical composure.

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A Review Of The Past 25 Years

by Ariadne Kane

Ariadne Kane in the beginning

In the Part I of this article, that appeared in *Tapestry* issue #67, Spring 1994, I focused on some of the major changes we have seen both by individuals and as an emerging 'community' within the social fabric of the USA. Among the many forces that contributed to these changes, I spoke of the socialization of crossdressing and crossgendered folks through the development of the Local Support/Social Contact Group, and education through television and many new books on the subjects of crossdressing and transsexualism. In this article I will concentrate on the important activities in the '70s and '80s that were major factors in this growth process.

FANTASIA FAIR

Planned in 1974, the first Fantasia Fair took place in Provincetown, Massachusetts, on the tip of Cape Cod. With a small start-up budget and little marketing experience, we managed to convince 40 or so crossdressers to share in the creation of a program for personal growth, a holiday en femme, and being able to offer some much-needed help in the art and practice of crossdressing in tolerant and understanding environments. The first Fair was notable for providing a comprehensive Fashion/Beauty Program with several mini-boutiques on site; the International Film Festival that focussed on crossdressing and transsexual themes in a positive and interesting way; having the first couple attend this type of program; the unique and long lasting friendships that were made between participants, some of which continue to this day; and the first fashion show and the first talent show done by participants. Also notable was the new, positive response to crossdressing and transsexualism by the residents of the town. We were invited to come back and do Fantasia Fair II in 1976. Many obstacles were overcome in order realize that first Fan/Fair. However, through the efforts of some of the participants and the Founders' Committee, many of these problems were solved, paving the way for future Fairs.

The next nine Fairs saw some of the most innovative programming and services that set the standard for excellence and growth in the practice and art of crossdressing, both in the personal growth of each participant, and in the broader understanding of the CD/CG behaviors. Among these were the Paula Nielson Fashion/Beauty Program, the Speech and Elocution Program for CD/CG people to learn how to speak in a femme manner, a Wives and Partners Program to help in understanding and clarifying the issues and improving

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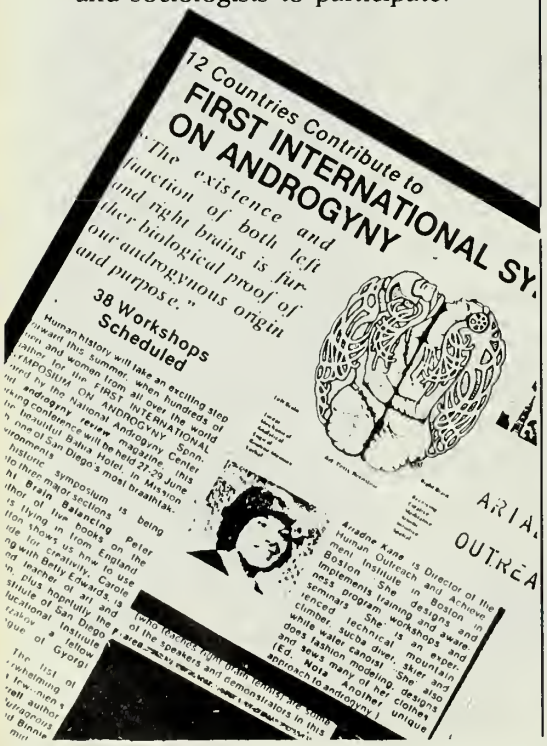
Ariadne Kane & Betty Ann Lind masterminds of early Fantasia Fair.

Fantasia Fair... has made major impact on the direction of this paraculture.

the relationship with the CD/CG partner. In addition, several special workshops and seminars were offered at these Fairs. Among them were the Androgyny Awareness Discovery, the Diversity of Transsexualism, Female Impersonators and Femme Impressionism, Modeling for the Camera, the Facts About Hormones, a Town and Gown Supper, out-reaching to the entire community of Provincetown, annual seminars on legal, medical, and sociological aspects of this paraculture, inviting lawyers, doctors, and sociologists to participate.



12 Countries Contribute to
FIRST INTERNATIONAL SY
ON ANDROGYNY

"The existence and function of both left and right brains is further biological proof of our androgynous origin and purpose."

38 Workshops Scheduled

Human history will take an exciting step forward this summer when hundreds of men and women from all over the world gather for the FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ANDROGYNY. Sponsored by the National Androgyny Center and Androgyny Review magazine, this unique conference will be held 27-29 June at the beautiful Bahia Hotel, in Mission Bay, one of San Diego's most breathtaking environments.

Historic symposium is being the three major sections. Peter Brain Balancing on the author of five books on the is flying in from England to lead us in how to use the shows us how to use creativity. Carolyn Edwards, is working with Betty Edwards, is a teacher of art and plus happily the Institute for Educational Institute, a fellow League of Gyorgi.

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Ariadne Kane is Director of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute in Boston and implements training and awareness program workshops and seminars. She is an experienced technical mountain climber, scuba diver, skier and white water canoeist. She also does fashion modeling. She designs and sews many of her clothes. Another unique approach to androgyny.

(Ed. Note: Another of the speakers and demonstrators in this

In the area of social development, the Fair introduced the participant to many different aspects of the world of crossdressing. Some of these include a bathing suit review and swim party, visits to the homes of important personalities in the town, the cocktail party in its various forms, the internationally renown PJ party, and a classic Awards Banquet honoring the progress and achievement of participants in the Fair.

We were the first group to be formally invited to Sunday Services at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Provincetown, giving Fan/Fair attendees the opportunity to share their spiritual selves with others in the community. After the first years of operation, Fantasia Fair gained an international reputation. We began to get participants from England, Switzerland, Germany, and Australia. In addition, *Playboy* magazine wanted to do an in-depth story about our program, and they sent a special reporter to spend a week with the participants at the Fair. He had a fantastic experience and his article was published in a 1981 issue of *Playboy*.

From 1979 to 1984, we published a photo magazine about each Fair.

Science Fiction, **Ariadne Kane** & Science fact.

These served as personal testaments to people's wonderful experiences. In those days, these publications were strictly for those who attended the Fair. We were always concerned about participants' security.

Administering a program of this magnitude, given the marketing constraints, coordinating the accommodations and eating arrangements, and finding people ready, willing, and able to organize some of the major events was certainly a challenge. For many of the Fairs, the design, marketing, and implementation of the overall program was in the hands of a Steering and Planning Committee. They worked very hard to provide the best talent and professional information available for the various aspects of the Fair. Remember, the Fair philosophy was, and still is, to provide a balance between the practical, the educational, and the social components of the total program.

Eve Burchert & Naomi Owen, two leaders sharing recognition.

The nine Fantasia Fairs saw us introducing new and more diverse programs to a well established protocol. Several factors contributed to these changes. The CD/CG participant coming to the Fair was better read about the issues, had been a member of a social and/or support group, and had his own personal agenda for coming to the Fair. The women's movement had become an important part of the fabric of American society. As such, it influenced new directions for clothing designers and for their creations. These affected what CD/CG folks wore. They began wearing slacks outfits and more casual clothing to the Fair. The musical tastes were changing too, and these were reflected in the choices of offerings for the Fan/Fair Follies. More and more of the participants were concerned about personal growth and coordinating it with wearing apparel consistent with that growth. The Fair numbers had grown from the 40 of Fan/Fair I to a maximum of 145 in later years. We could not offer a quality program if our numbers exceeded 150 full time participants. Another factor was the major fluctuations in the US economy, and in other nations as well. This tended to affect the number of participants in the Fairs in the early '90s. With the recognized success of Fantasia Fair as a quality

Tapestry cover photographer **Mariette Pathy Allen** and several of her covergirls **(#53 & 55 pictured)** have attended Fantasia Fair.

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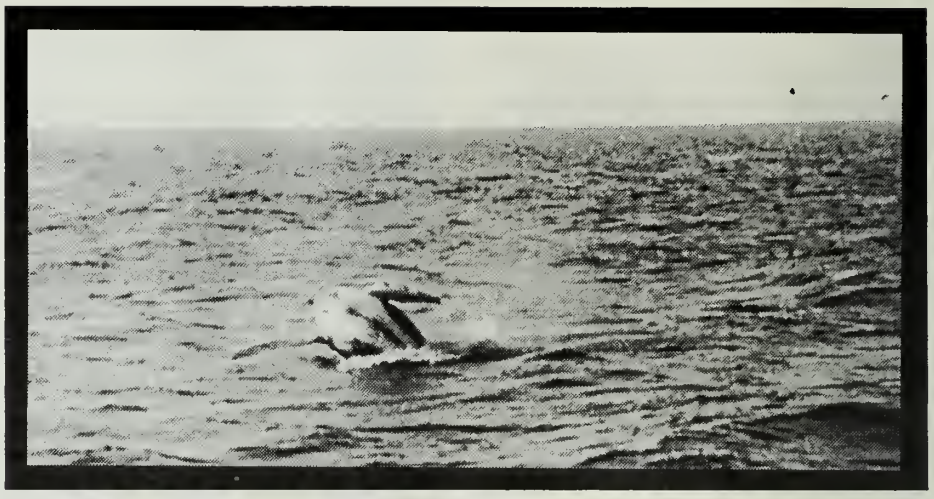
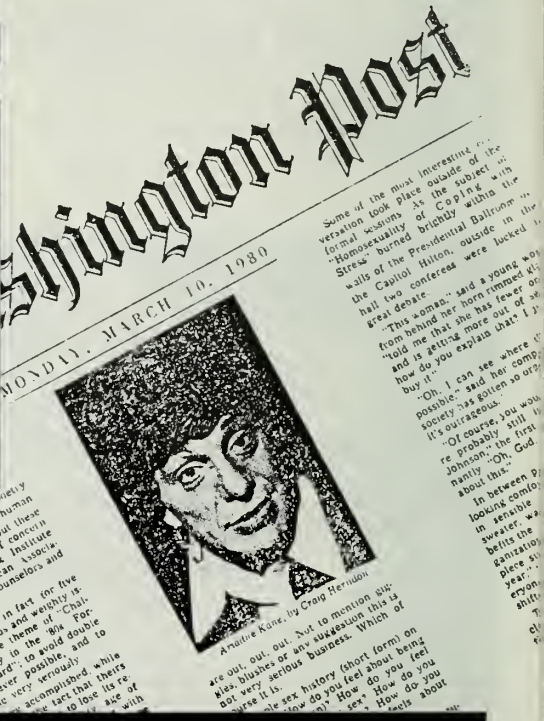
program for CD/TG people, several other organizations have offered similar programs in other parts of the country, and there is now one program in Europe, EuroFantasia.

Without doubt, Fantasia Fair has made major impact on the directions of this paraculture. In addition to providing the template for creating other similar programs, the Fair has provided the essential ingredients for others to take on leadership roles and continue the important work of education and service within the paraculture social framework to





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Issues of

By Lynn Darling

Sex sparks ecstasy, madness, poetry and more silliness than the human animal should have to bear, but these were not the main topics of conversation at the 13th National Sex Institute sponsored by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists

They were in town, in fact, for five days to discuss serious and weighty issues, to address the theme of "Challenges to Sexology in the '80s: Forward and Backward", to avoid double entendres whenever possible, and to discuss a topic very seriously while accomplished with the fact that theirs is to lose its reputation of being

Amadine Kane, by Craig Herndon

are out, out, out. Not to mention giggles, blushes or any suggestion this is not very serious business. Which of course it is.

ple sex history (short form) on know do you feel about being sex? How do you feel about

Some of the most interesting conversation took place outside of the formal sessions as the subject of "Homosexuality as Coping with Stress" burned brightly within the walls of the Presidential Ballroom in the Capitol Hilton, outside in the hall two conferees were locked in great debate. "This woman," said a young woman from behind her horn-rimmed glasses, "told me that she has fewer orgasms and is getting more out of sex. How do you explain that? I just don't buy it."

"Oh, I can see where it's possible," said her companion, "society has gotten so orgasm-crazy. It's outrageous."

"Of course, you would be probably still in the first," Johnson, "the first Johnson." "Oh, God," he sighed, "I'm tired of talking about this."

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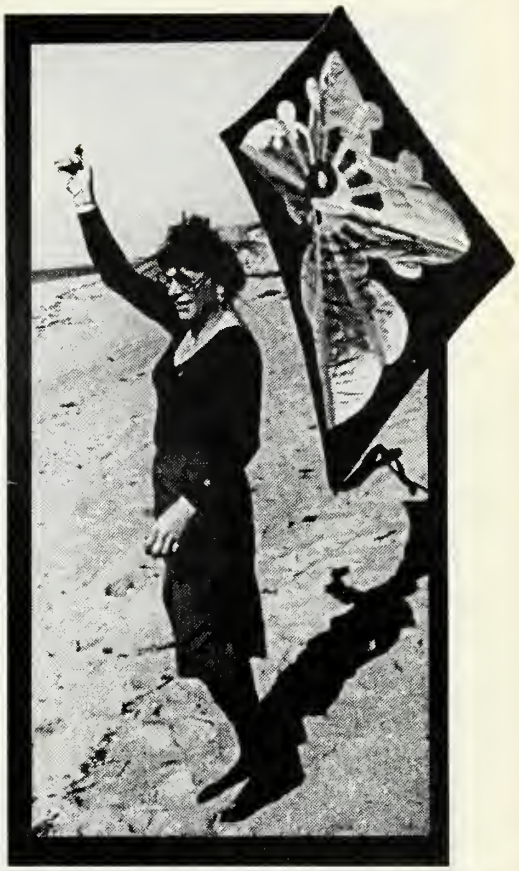
health care providers and to the general public. Here, I have to recognize some of theses leaders by name: Eve Burchert, Sheila Kirk, Alison Laing, Batty Ann Lind, Merissa Sherrill Lynn, and Naomi Owen. Each in their turn has taken on leadership roles, first in their local areas, and then nationally. The Board of Directors of the Outreach Institute congratulates these wonderful human beings and all the folks they have influenced in continuing the role of creating new leadership.

This fall will be the Twentieth Anniversary of the Fair. It will take place as it has for 19 years, the third week in October (16-24). In addition to the exciting programs, seminars, and workshops, we are planning a reunion of all those who attended past Fairs and have not been back in three years. Please write to us for details: **Fantasia Fair**, P.O. Box 15368, Boston MA 02215-0368.

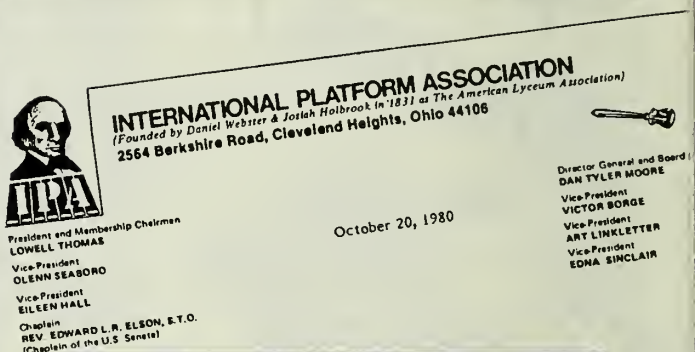


THE OUTREACH

The process of creating an outreach venue on the CD/CG/TS/AN paraculture is complex, and has no time-tested procedures or protocol. It does involve a recognition of the need for a particular outreach function and operation, and means of access and communication to those in need of such information from an outreaching effort. Here I would like to share how I came to develop an outreaching pathway, some milestones on this path, and indicate some of the important discoveries I have made about myself and about some of the folks I have met along this path that spurred me on to continue reaching out.

Outreaching begins with the discovery that people want to know something about a particular behavior or activity that you are involved with. In this case, the activity was crossdressing, and it began when I found a local social support group in the Greater Boston area. It took lots of sleuthing, and the overcoming of much inertia, and

soul searching before I actually attended my first meeting. After going to several more meetings, getting the much needed help and support from several members, I began to feel some self-confidence about my CD behavior. This allowed me to gather the courage to tell my fiancée about it. The end result of this disclosure was positive. She became my wife after one year of knowing about my crossdressing. That was my first outreaching experience.



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Over the next few years, with the development of personal support, and the crisis about the dissolution of the local support group, I assumed a leadership role and was responsible for restructuring the group and finding a new location to house our small activities program. Cherrystone, the name of the new group, became the center for information about crossdressing and transsexualism. It led to several speaking engagements at the New England Gay/Lesbian Conferences, and to some radio talk shows. This was the second major outreaching experience.

Having gained some insights about the diversity of CD/CG behaviors, and more confidence in my abilities to share this information with others who wanted to learn about it through Cherrystone, we created three regional conferences on CD/TS/AN behaviors and lifestyles for health care professionals and for

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CDs and TSs who were still in the closet. In all, we connected with over 300 helping professionals throughout the New England region, and made a name as an articulate spokesperson on the relevant issues. This led to several guest appearances on some well known radio talk shows, and a chance to go on a local women's video talk show. At this point, my self concept was changing, and the CD behavior became incorporated in a bi-gender lifestyle. I lost what little guilt, shame, and anxiety I had, and began to seriously consider working in this area as a sex educator and counselor. I had a long way to go before finally moving in this direction.

Two significant events that crystallized my move towards education, counseling, and therapy were the Fantasia Fair (creating it and the Outreach Institute) and appearing on the "Phil Donahue Show." About the Fair and its significance, the reader has already gotten some insight. Let me focus on the decision to appear on this television show.

I was invited to go on the show at the end of 1979, and did a lot of soul searching about whether or not to do it. This was a nationally televised program. I would no longer be able to hide in the protective New England closet. There was a fair chance that people who knew me, but did not know about my involvement in the world of CD/CG lifestyles might become very negative towards me. These could be family members who knew only about the masculine side of my personality. I discussed it at length with my spouse and some close friends. They helped me to decide to do the show. Now, for the first time, I was outreaching to the CD/CG/TS world nationally. The implications for personal and professional growth seemed very positive. This

positive feeling about myself and my lifestyle would overcome any negative feedback I might receive. Further, I believed I would be reaching literally millions of viewers, some of whom might be closeted CDs or TSs.

The show aired on over 500 different stations in the US and Canada over the next six months of that year, 1980. I received over 8000 letters complimenting me for going on the show. Some of the responses to questions posed by the audience revealed some hostility. Many of the letters were asking for more information. Only about 20 of these 8000 responses were negative, saying that I was some kind of "immoral sexual deviant."

The "Donahue Show" opened several other doors. One was a full-hour show with David Susskind on National Public Television. Here I appeared with three other crossdressers. That program was also well received. All this major video appearance stuff raised my self esteem and self confidence to new heights. I felt I was ready to do national appearances at major professional conferences, university centers, etc.

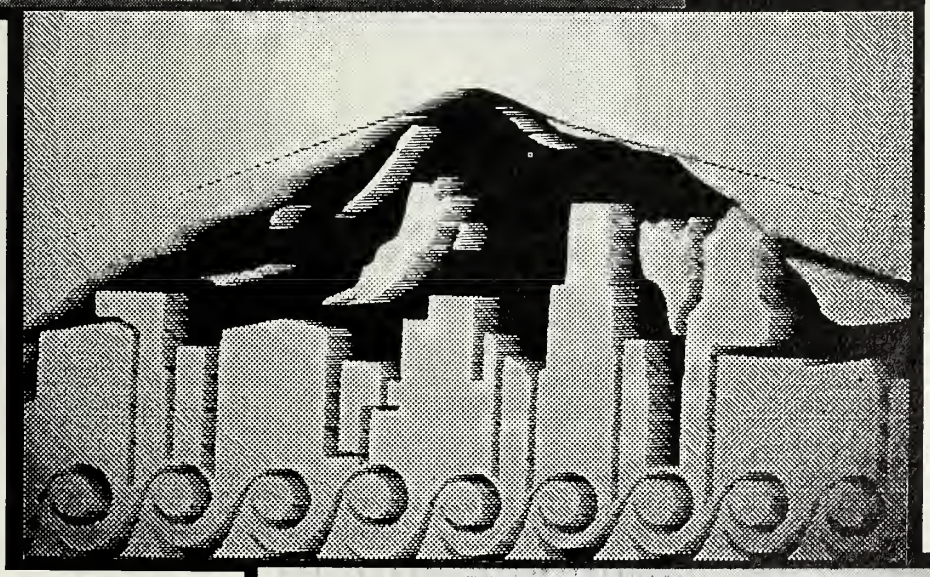
For this next phase in the outreaching pathway, I became a member of the International Platform Association, a national speakers' bureau and center for getting to know those who would be interested in what I had to share on the subject of CD/CG behaviors and lifestyles. It was a wonderful experience, and I met several IPA members who encouraged me to continue my work. I met people like Adm. H. Rickover, Isaac Asimov, and Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg. However, I did not get many speaking engagements that paid a reasonable fee. I returned to doing much outreaching in professional circles through presentation of papers, symposia, and panel presentations at regional and national meetings of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT), the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS), and the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA).

The outreaching pathway is not over, and probably won't be for me. I have shared some of the milestones which have made this odyssey possible. I hope to continue to push back the frontiers of ignorance and bigotry, helping the light of understanding and tolerance to prevail.

'Coming Together' In Portland

Photography by Mariette Pathy Allen
Commentary by Holly Cross

Handicapped as I was by two full days killed by the IFGE Board of Directors meetings, I didn't get to all the talks and seminars that I would like to have heard, but I still learned a lot, had a chance to attend some interesting and skillful presentations, and made some new friends.



I didn't hear all the medical talks, but the plastic surgeon who spoke about remodeling your face by modifying the bones underneath—*not* a "Star Trek" episode; if you have the time and the money, it's something that can be done NOW—expanded my consciousness. (If I was only younger and richer!) And I found that some people there had had such surgery done on their brow ridges (as well as the more common "nose job").

At the Tiffany Club First Event, I was privileged to observe a presentation by Dr. Roger Peo in a session with a dozen couples; I didn't do that in Portland as both the couples' and wives' sessions were restricted to those people; the emotional atmosphere can get pretty powerful, and ANY outside spectator can inhibit what goes on.

Merissa Sherrill Lynn & Ariadne Kane at the table of honor.

Working Together...

the key to the coming together.

Maryann Kirkland gave a talk about "coming out" at work (not about a gender transition, but maybe scarier for most of us TVs) and later Thursday afternoon Dr. Sandra Cole talked about personal sexuality (using Mariette's pictures for illustration)—something that I wish I had heard around thirty years ago. Although cross-dressing was in there, that wasn't what she was talking about. I found it emotionally intense. She

Virginia Prince attends keynote luncheon

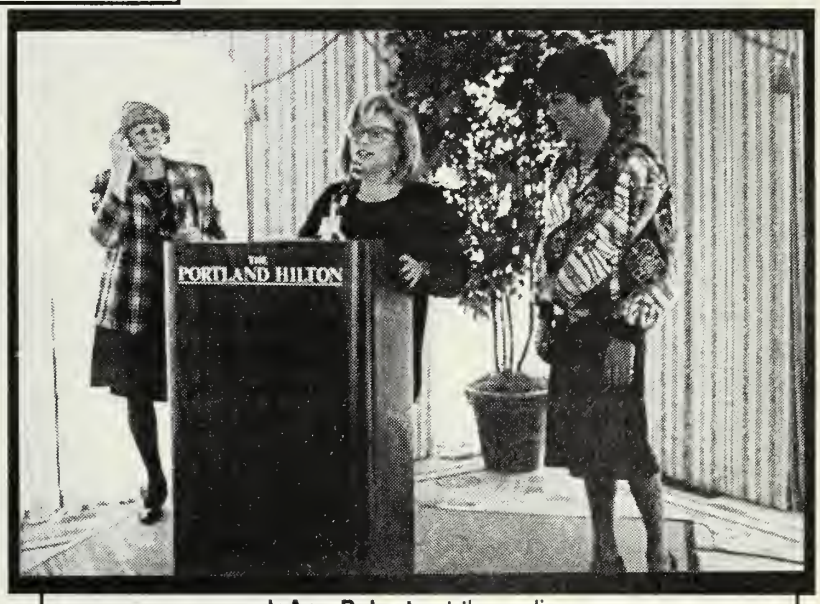
(left to right) **Phyllis Randolph Frye, Eve Burchert & Vicki T.**

was to give the same talk the following Monday; wish I could have been there to see how a "straight" group would react.

My main complaint was the usual one, at engineering conventions as well as crossdressing get-togethers, the "prime time" effect: all the good stuff takes place at the same time. Having five tracks just makes the situation worse, especially if there is so much talent available.

Marsha Botzer of Montgomery Institute introduced.

Unlike the engineering conventions, each has enough time to give the talk and interact with the audience, and to answer questions. Dr. Cole's talk, as well as her all-day Saturday sessions for wives and Sos had ALMOST enough time—people were asking her questions and interacting with others in the audience into the lunch hour and afterwards. For at least some wives it must have been helpful, and that was why Sandra was there.



JoAnn Roberts at the podium.

For me, two or three new sessions such as those mentioned above are about all I can absorb; consider then my roommate's intellectual and emotional overload as a first-timer Male-to-Female transsexually inclined person. Lots to think about, lots of new experiences. (She still didn't quite understand where I am. She asked me if I wasn't going to take the pink nail polish off before I went to the airport. In fact, I did take it off, after I got home and before I picked up my mail at the

post office in my small hometown.) I did my best to help. She said she thought the convention was worth every penny it had cost her. I had a ball watching her open up. I'm not sure whether I was a Big Sister or a surrogate mother, but it was enchanting to see what happened.

The two Free Seminars Open to the Public Tuesday and Friday evenings were a success, even though some newspaper messed up the date. We had people who really needed to talk to someone, we had some who were just curious (what they do at home is not my business). As usual at such sessions, the questions didn't come very easily, but we had a dozen very assorted attenders and presenters to talk to them, and I believe they went away more enlightened than when they came. I figured they were worth postponing supper for.

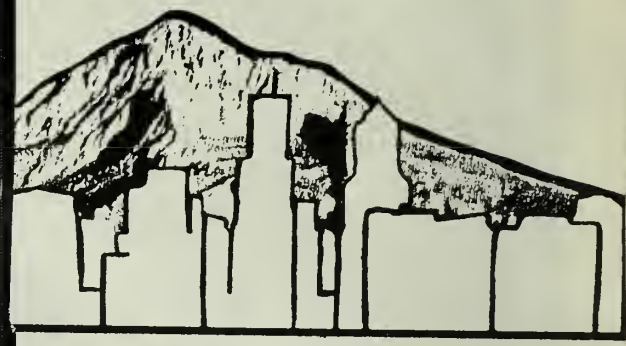
The NorthWest Gender Alliance put on a trip to Darcelle's drag show/dinner theater. Good show, and even more surprising to me, very good food. Glad I went. The Esprit group, some of the very same people, did a buffet, Las Vegas Night and a pajama party; and again, I'm glad I shelled out the extra money for that. I came to have a good time, and I did. Mexican food and cheap champagne suit me perfectly. Standing up to play Vingt-et-un I found hard on my feet.

This year's Virgina Prince Lifetime Achievement Award goes to...

Ellen Summers

Sorry that the DREAM of a Reunion conflicted with other things. I never got to DREAM because I didn't know about it, didn't have the courage, and perhaps couldn't have spared the time, but I would like to have eavesdropped on the Reunion...perhaps I could have done that, perhaps not. By 1984, when I was up to attending such events, there were many others to go to, the cost and logistics more amenable to my business schedule, so I guess I really didn't miss a lot.

My final advice is, if you are not sure about attending one of the dozen US functions listed in the *Tapestry*, find a roommate, find someone to travel with, cut the costs where you can, but GO. If you don't support it this year, it may not be there next year, and you may only have a few chances to learn about yourself, your "sisters" and what you are missing. A low bank account can be cured. The regrets cannot be fixed.

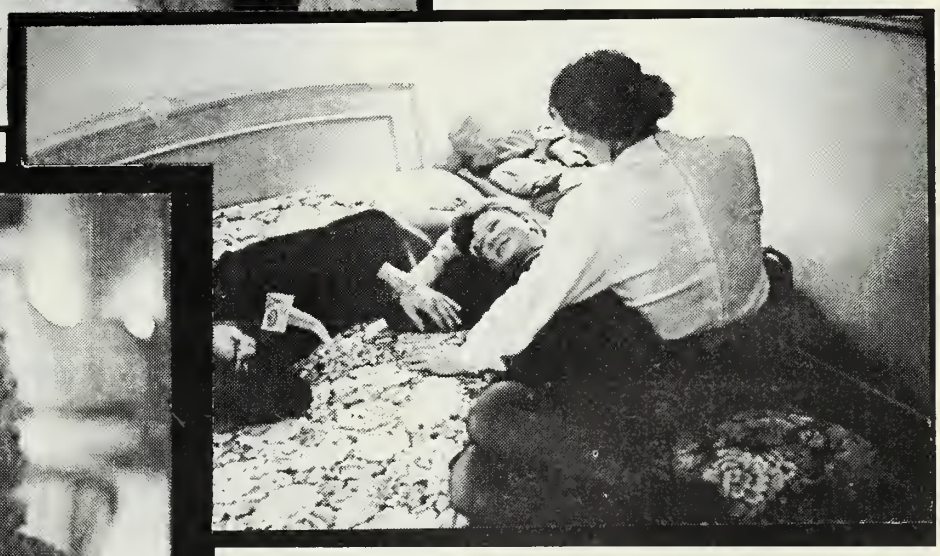


Coming Together

Wendy Parker entertains the troops.

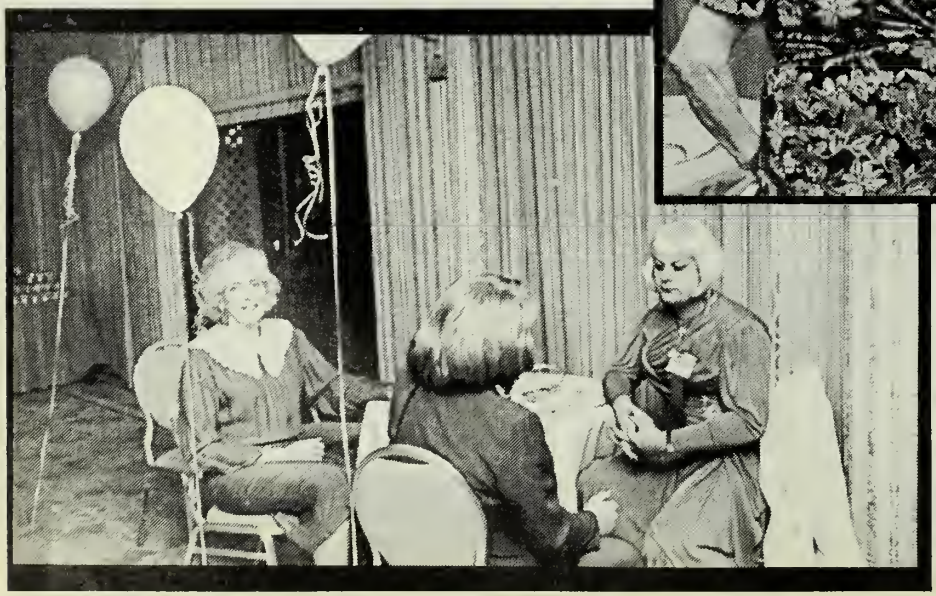
Wendy Parker & THE DRAMA QUEENS (Callan & Sabrina) camp it up during Awards Night.

Working Together



All work and no play makes...
(left) A beautifully righteous sister at her first convention.

All you have to do is... DREAM!



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YOUNG MAN IN KENTUCKY IS JAILED AFTER HE REFUSES TO LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS—DRESSED IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES

A teenage student suspended and then arrested after wearing a dress to school turned down a prosecutor's offer to drop all charges if would perform community service.

John Paul Poynter, 18, showed up for classes at Louisville's Central High School wearing an ankle-length, embroidered black dress with a side slit, black pantyhose, women's shoes and a wig.

He was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct after refusing to leave the building March 24, 1994. Poynter explained that he was trying to express "another side of my personality" and that the issue was his right to express his homosexuality.

He spent the night in the Jefferson County Jail in lieu of a $150 bond. But he was released in his own recognizance after an arraignment in Jefferson District Court on March 25. Poynter, who appeared in court clad in a unisex orange jail jumpsuit, refused a county attorney's offer to perform community service in exchange for dismissal of the charges. He was scheduled to appear again April 14.

"I wore the dress because I wanted to be myself," said Poynter, a senior. "It was just a way to say this is another side of me."

Principal Harold Fenderson said he suspended Poynter for three days because he refused to change clothes or leave. He said Poynter refused to leave with his stepfather. Lauren Brown Roberts, spokeswoman for Jefferson County Public Schools, said Poynter's dress violated district policy that a student's appearance should not be disruptive.

Fenderson said Poynter's stepfather suggested he call police and he did, because after having been suspended and asked to leave, Poynter was considered a trespasser. Another boy who had been a student at Central until about two weeks ago, also wore a dress, but agreed to leave when asked, Roberts said.

Poynter lives with his mother and stepfather. His mother, who uses her current husband's name, asked not to be identified because she didn't want the publicity to affect other family members. She said she knew her son intended to wear a dress to school, but said she thought it was a school-sanctioned activity. "I don't think he was right," she said. "But he's going to stand up for what he believes in no matter what anyone thinks."

Interviewed by the *Courier-Journal* at the jail, Poynter said he didn't leave Central High because he had a right to be there. He said his attire shouldn't have mattered if it didn't violate the school dress code.

Poynter said it was the principal who was disrupting school by making an issue of his attire. He said reaction from some of the students was good, although two students had pulled his wig and some had taunted him.

Poynter said he doesn't normally wear women's clothing to school, although he had come to school dressed as a woman for "Opposite Sex" day—an activity during homecoming festivities in which students can dress as the opposite sex.

"If I was violating the dress code, why was it okay on Opposite Day?" he asked.

Loretta Stewart, Assistant Principal at Central, said, "When everyone is doing it [during Homecoming], it's not disruptive. No one person is being singled out."

Some students signed a petition opposing Poynter's suspension, and several made supportive comments. But some said they were disgusted by his actions. Junior Kris Thomas said he might have wanted to fight Poynter "if I had seen him in the bathroom dressed like that."

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THE ACCOUNT OF BRANDON TEENA

by Forrest Wolf

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(In issue #67 of *Tapestry*, we printed an article in the Bulletin Board section taken from an Associated Press story about the alleged sexual assault and then murder several days later last December of Teena Brandon, who had been living as a man, Brandon Teena, near Humboldt, Nebraska. On April 15, 1994, one of the alleged criminals pleaded innocent. On April 22, 1994, the arraignment of the other was continued until April 26, 1994.)

*[**PLEASE NOTE** that the ~~strike through~~ is a rhetorical device utilized to indicate that a particular word (in this case the pronouns she and her used in connection with Brandon) is deemed by the writer as inappropriate, contradictory or questionable and shows no meaningful or authentic correspondence to that to which it refers. Because there is some uncertainty as to Brandon Teena's motivation for his/her behavior regarding gender identity, I have chosen to employ this device rather than assume a familiarity with him/her that I do not in fact have. The strike through is not to be used when text is in quotes.]*

Romance, Deceit and Rage Surround Slayings Near Humboldt." That's how the headlines ran in the *Sunday World-Herald* (Omaha), January 9, 1994. The "news" article was reporting the events preceding the murder of Brandon Teena (also known as Teena Brandon) and two others in a farmhouse south of Humboldt, Nebraska.

Sadly, the *World-Herald* chose to color its report with hearsay and innuendo, embellishing and distorting the tragedy for the sake of lurid sensationalism and dramatic effect.

Sensationalism certainly sells papers, but it doesn't begin to reflect the trouble and misfortune the players in this unnecessary tragedy suffered, nor does it serve to educate an already ill-informed public whose prurient interests are only heightened by such nonsense. It remains unclear whether it was the writers' goal to intentionally defame Brandon, or if they simply chose not to research why someone would go to such lengths to portray herself as a man. Either way, their painfully protracted article reads more like tabloid trash than an attempt at respectable journalism.

From the opening paragraph, Chris Burbach and Henry J. Cordes, *World-Herald* staff writers, prejudice their audience, predisposing them to view Brandon Teena as a bewildered and troubled individual. Creating the figure of a confused young woman, Burbach and Cordes describe "Teena Brandon" as "...charmingly playing the role of a young man"; a girl who "...preferred playing with a garter snake to playing with a doll. She preferred taking an old radio apart to doing her hair. Rather than dress up, she would just as soon play basketball." (Apparently in Nebraska, snakes, basketballs and radios are rigidly gender-specific; thus, by playing with them Brandon was perceived as behaving in a socially inappropriate and unauthorized manner.)

Still, Brandon's description does sound familiar. Most female-to-male transsexuals have similar stories. As a matter of fact, much of Brandon's apparent childhood and adolescence does read like a textbook case. Brandon's mother relates, "She [Brandon] told me she wasn't a lesbian and was very adamant about that. She didn't want to be with a female that way...she didn't love these women as a woman. She loved them as a man." Clearly, from Brandon's mother's description, Brandon was experiencing classic characteristics of transsexualism, not merely crossdressing for the thrill of deceiving people. Yet, it isn't until the end of page two that Burbach and Cordes fleetingly mention the possibility that Brandon was considering a "sex Change," even though friends credited ~~her~~ presenting ~~her~~self as a man for just that reason.

It is unfortunate that Brandon resorted to criminal behavior and theft. Yet while such behavior does display a lack of character and good judgment, it must not be correlated with unconventional gender expression, and one should not be disregarded and dismissed by the legal system because one's gender expression is not comprehended by local authorities. The fact that this individual presented a gender identity seemingly contrary to ~~her~~ anatomical makeup should not exempt ~~her~~ from protection under the law. Even more unfortunate was the fact that the authorities who, presented with evidence that Brandon Teena had been raped, chose to ignore ~~her~~ appeal for help based on the fact that Brandon had "lied" about ~~her~~ sexual identity and presented ~~her~~self as a man to the community.

It is lamentable that Brandon Teena chose such a tiny town in which to transition. Tiny towns are not celebrated for harboring expansive intellects. Yet, Brandon did find friendship and acceptance in Falls City. Many residents were outraged over the lack of concern for ~~her~~ welfare when they discovered that Brandon, having reported being beaten and raped by two men, was nonetheless ignored by the local police, even though Chief of Police Norm Hemmerling admitted, in an article in February 8th's issue of the *Falls City Journal* (as reported by Scott Schock) that "...it was evident that she [Brandon] had some injuries to her face, as her mouth was and had been bleeding, and to the side of her face, which was swollen." The police chief also observed

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S.P.I.C.E.

TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO THIS SUMMER

The Spouse/Partner International Conference for Education (SPICE) will be held July 6-10, 1994 at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The conference is open to all women in a relationship with a gender-influenced man and to their husbands/partners. Women may attend the conference alone or with their partners. Cost of the conference will be $135 per person for the programs which run from Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon. Some meals are included in

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY PROJECT ON K-12 CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE GENDER ISSUES

Dr. Arthur Lipkin, project head of the Harvard University Gay and Lesbian High School Curriculum and Staff Development Project, has agreed to add a section on issues of gender to his project. In a meeting with Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni, Dr. Lipkin agreed to work with Nancy to incorporate a curriculum and history of gender issues, about which it is important to educate our young people.

The official project description currently reads:

The short-term goal of this project is to write and disseminate gay/lesbian social studies and language arts curriculum for use in American high schools. These units will be able to be integrated into existing mainstream curricula and will present current and historical issues in lesbian and gay life from a multicultural perspective...

The long-term goal of the project is to create a center at Harvard University for curriculum writing and teacher training in the area of lesbian and gay studies for grades K-12.

The gender community has the opportunity to extend this program to include a curriculum on the history of alternative gender behavior. This can

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RECOGNIZE A VOLUNTEER

by Cindy Martin, ETVC San Francisco

If you want a successful organization, stroke a volunteer. We'll help you do it.

The Service To All Recognition program begun by the Congress of Transgendered Organizations is designed to help you recognize your most outstanding volunteers. It is really easy to do, and you'll enjoy giving recognition to those who make things happen in your group.

Who is a STAR? That is up to you. You decide the criteria and you pick the person's name. He or she will get a lovely certificate acknowledging their STARdom, and their name in the *Tapestry* on a Roll of Honor for the whole nation to see.

Don't have a volunteer recognition program yet? Start one now! ETVC has an extensive program for honoring our volunteers and it is the best investment we made on our own. In our case, club officers are not allowed to be honorees (Hey, we get enough perks!). That is by design because in honoring others who work hard, we are also developing future leaders. We also want to avoid appearances of a "clique" rewarding itself. ETVC's Member of the Year will automatically be our STAR nomination, but you do it however you see fit. But please, one name only!

Send in the name of your organization's STAR by filling in the following information and returning form to:

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Name of Group

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Name of Honoree

_____

Briefly state what the person is being honored for, e.g., Hotline volunteer, event organizer, party host,...

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CIVIL PROTECTIONS FOR THE TRANSGENDERED

In an unprecedented move, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, on March 29, 1994, handed down a ruling which affirms the right of a transsexual in transition to 'crossdress' on the job. The case at hand was *Northwest PA Training Partnership Consortium v. Unemployment Compensation Board of Review,* no. 2297 C.D. 1993. In his Memorandum Opinion, Judge Pellegrini held that, "We have consistently recognized that a medical problem or illness may establish good cause for an employee's failure to comply with a work rule... transsexualism is a recognized medical condition for which there are established guidelines for treatment...which require Claimant to participate in a 'trial period' of crossgendered living." The court concluded that, "...under these circumstances...Claimant's actions were medically necessitated and, as such, did not constitute willful misconduct."

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IT'S A BOY!!!

We are happy to announce the arrival of ENTERPRISE, a support group exclusively for Female-to-Male Transsexuals, the only one of its kind in New England. It is open to F-Ms in any stage of transition.

Discussion meetings are open exclusively to F-M TSs only, and are held on a weekly basis. Once a month we have an open gathering, usually social in nature, where newcomers, other members of the Gender Community, as well as friends, lovers, spouses, and family are welcome to join us.

Welcome aboard the ENTERPRISE! We have gone truly "where no man has gone before"! Won't you join us in our adventure?

For more information, call or write:

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS OF FTM's

Alone and isolated...these were my feelings when my husband began his transition from female to male. My lesbian friends thought I was crazy to stay with him, and my parents did not know what to think! All the literature I read centered on the F2M and his issues. At the conferences I attended, I sat

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TG SUPPORT & INFO ON AMERICAN ONLINE

The America Online Gender Group was founded on July 29, 1991 by Melanie Anne Phillips (Melanie XX on AOL) as a private room weekly meeting for transgendered people, their SOs and friends. From the beginning, Marsha J and Elaine P1 (AOL) helped build the room into a center for transgendered support and information. After almost a year of operation, our attendance was pushing the limits of our room capacity. We received an invitation from the Gay/Lesbian Community Forum to use their conference room if we liked, which held twice as many people as a private room. We gladly accepted this generous offer and have held our meetings in the GLCF Lambda Lounge ever since. This was a wise decision, as our peak attendance in an evening is frequently above 45, far beyond the private room limit of 23.

The America Online Gender Group offers several services to the Gender Community on America Online. First, of course, is our Gender Conference every Sunday evening at 9pm ET in

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LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT...

GAY PRIDE PARADE IN BOSTON

by Carolynne K. West

Will we ever realize what Thomas Jefferson writes? No matter what our individual sexual orientation is, we all, as citizens, owe a tremendous debt to the gay and lesbian community for their great efforts and accomplishments in communication, civil rights, and positive social reform.

On June 11, Boston will host its 1994 Gay Pride Day Parade. Will I be there? Damned straight I'll be. If you wish to join me in a salute to these brave folk and contribute to and/or participate in the parade in any fashion, call me at (617) 233-8704, or the '94 TG Pride Committee (617) 497-6928.

As the operator of a float in the event the last two years, I have seen the Parade to be extremely safe, secure, and overwhelmingly festive and friendly. Further, from the perspective of a disabled combat veteran, yours truly experienced a very first, positive and super emotional "coming home from the war" at last. Carolynne asserted herself to be a survivor. She is alive and well. Her feelings and sense of well-being were catapulted by the encouraging and applauding crowds. (Reality check...her feelings ARE my feelings.) The fact that I am Carolynne remains validated by the cheers of plain folk whose squeals of delight and celebration are still echoing off the walls of the State House.

This year we will demonstrate our support. We will form ranks behind our own Banner (the very same banner which was borne by our sisters in the March on Washington, DC). We will pace ourselves with our pride and hope on streets made safe for DIVERSITY. For my part, I will

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WINSLOW ST. FUND Makes Three Grants

by **Abby Saypen**

One of the great pleasures of my working with the International Foundation for Gender Education is my tenure as a trustee of the Winslow Street Fund. Winslow Street was organized in 1990, in the Chicago House hotel on Winslow Street in Provincetown, Massachusetts at the Fantasia Fair. It was created to provide the crossgendered community with a permanent endowment with which to fund projects that will benefit the community.

The Winslow Street Fund has also inadvertently become a focal point of the changes still going on at IFGE and in the greater community. It has provided the impetus and the talent that will bring IFGE into the Twenty-First Century, through the Vision 2000 Strategic Plan.

I wish you could feel what I felt during the Winslow Street Fund luncheon at the IFGE convention in Portland, Oregon. The luncheon was attended by almost one hundred people who sat in nearly complete silence waiting for the announcement of the grants. I felt a little like the M.C. at the Academy Awards, except that I already knew who the recipients were, and there were no envelops.

The first grant went to the Spouses, Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE). This annual conference provides support and education for Spouses and Partners in a relationship with a crossdresser.

The second grant was made to the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Their work in the fields of Civil, Criminal, and Military Law, in education and health is essential, and makes the way easier for all of us.

The third award went to Vern and Bonnie Bullough's International Congress on Crossdressing, Sex and Gender at the Center for Sex Research in California. If you have read their book *Crossdressing, Sex and Gender,* tracing the history of crossdressing and societal prejudice against it, you begin to understand why it is acceptable for a woman to aspire to masculine things, but not for a man to aspire to feminine things. The Bulloughs' work can help us to untie some of the knots of prejudice that keep our society's attitude about crossdressing from changing.

What a sense of pride I felt for what the founders of the Winslow Street Fund had begun, and for what every contributor to the Fund shares in. Here we were, all members of the crossgendered community, giving money to these wonderful projects, helping them to happen, grow, and become stronger.

This was the third consecutive increase in the size of the grants from the Winslow Street Fund. With your help and the help of the community at large, this can be a trend that will continue.

My thanks go to the committee, **Laura Caldwell, Laura Skaer, Michelle Miles,** to our contributors, and to our founders.

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IFGE First Quarter Financial Review

by **Laura Caldwell**, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

REVENUE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FALL

The disturbing news I must report is that our revenue declined 12%, or $10,000 compared to the year-ago first quarter. I cannot identify a specific reason for this fall off; it may be weather-related, or it may be that those lost dollars have gone elsewhere. Whatever the reason, it is even more disturbing that this is happening as the general economy keeps improving. It is apparent that we need a much more aggressive marketing effort to communicate our offerings to the community. Furthermore, contributions also fell, by 10% based on the year-ago quarter. Number of donors also declined, by 8%, and the bottom line is simply that our support is slipping.

Many of you have asked what happens to your contribution dollars once they reach our desk in Waltham. The answer is simply that we have used your dollars to help our business grow. This is the case simply because our business revenue consisting of the income from sales of *Tapestry* and other publications has not been sufficient to support our offices at 123 Moody Street and our four regular employees. Without the benefit of your contributions we simply would not survive in our current form. We have high hopes that this situation will change. In fact we analyzed our financial situation as a part of the Strategic Planning process and have concluded that we will break even in 1997 based on the assumption of a 6% per year increase in revenue. That growth increment seems reasonable. Beyond the break even point, we can begin using your contributions for projects that advance the cause of outreach, education and the idealism all of us cherish. That is, provided we continue to grow. And, I must confess, the current quarter's revenue decline, for the very first time has caused me to question the 6% growth assumption previously noted. Finally, you can get an impression of just how important contribution dollars are by examining **Chart FR02** which shows the relationship of revenue and contributions through time. In 1993, fully 26% of our revenue came from your gifts, and that 26% is the difference in a going, growing, viable Foundation for all of us.

Our cash flow situation stabilized in the current quarter. **Chart FINAN04** shows a positive $13,027, but there was one check written in March which did not clear yet and will appear in April's results. This check is for partial payment of *Tapestry Magazine* production run of $13,088, thus offsetting the quarter's gain, so that the real result was a virtual wash at a negative $61. But, to end the quarter with this result required a loan of $3000. If we had had the $10,000 in lost revenue, we probably would have broken even. Perhaps this example illustrates how crucial your support through contributions is in furthering the financial viability of IFGE.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

IFGE's Strategic Planning Committee, chartered at the Coming Together - Working Together convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1993, has been engaged in a year-long assignment to create a strategic plan that would provide direction, goals, strategies and recommendations to the year 2000. We call our plan Vision 2000, and the completed plan was publicly presented at the recently concluded convention in Portland, Oregon.

We believe you should see two charts from this plan which define what we call the Statement of Strategic Intent (the targets we intend to pursue) and the Mission Statement that defines direction in achieving the targets. These two charts are shown below, and set forth the 'credo' of our aspirations through the year 2000.

In future issues of *Tapestry* we will present other charts that describe other aspects of the plan, including goals, strategies and a comprehensive set of recommendations. But, it is believed important to begin this process that we set forth these two cornerstones.

Finally, we did Focus Group research nationally to involve many local support groups and have them make comments, suggestions and criticisms on our plan. Their many valuable ideas have been included in our final work to validate and enhance our results. Once again we would like to publicly thank all those local and regional groups and leaders who cooperated in producing these important research findings.

Laura Caldwell, Chair
for the Strategic Planning Committee

Jheri Lee Summers, Coach/Facilitator

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Yvonne Cook-Riley
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TV/TS Tapestry Journal reader's survey

Optional: attach your mailing label here.

Dear Friend,
We would like you to help us improve the TV/TS *Tapestry Journal*. We also would like your opinion on whether or not the International Foundation for Gender Education should become a membership organization. Please answer the following questionairre and return it on or before June 3rd, 1994. Include any additional comments on the back if necessary. Thank you for helping us.

- Linda Buten

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Q1 I consider myself a
❒ MtF crossdresser ❒ MtF preop transsexual ❒ MtF postop transsexual
❒ FtM crossdresser ❒ FtM preop transsexual ❒ FtM postop transsexual
❒ transgenderist ❒ professional ❒ other _____

Q2 **Age** ❒ 25-34 ❒ 35-44 ❒ 45-54 ❒ 55-64 ❒ 65+

Q3 **Education**
❒ Less than high school graduate ❒ High School Graduate
❒ Some college ❒ College graduate
❒ Masters Degree ❒ Doctorate

Q4 **Income/yr.**
❒ Less than $10,000 ❒ $10-24,999
❒ $25-49,999 ❒ $50-74,999
❒ $75,000 +

Q5 **Occupation** _____

Q6 **Martital Status** ❒ married ❒ single ❒ divorced ❒ 2nd+ marriage

Q7 **Organizations in which you participate** (gender-related)
❒ IFGE ❒ TriEss ❒ ETVC
❒NWGA ❒ Tiffany ❒ Renaissance
❒ Maggie ❒Southern Comfort ❒ Other_____

Q8 **How much do you spend each year on gender-related books, magazines and videos?**
❒ Less than $50.00 ❒ $100-149.00 ❒ $150-199.00
❒ $200-249.00 ❒ $250-299.00 ❒ $300.00 +

Q9 **What large gender events have you attended over the years? How many times?**

	Attend	**# years attended**
❒ IFGE Coming Together	❒	___
❒ Southern Comfort	❒	___
❒ Fantasia Fair	❒	___
❒Be All	❒	___
❒ Other _____	❒	___

Q10 **Do you subscribe to** TV/TS ***Tapestry Journal?*** ❒ yes *(answer Q11A, skip Q11)*
❒ no *(answer Q11A, skip Q11)* ❒ previously *(answer Q11A, skip Q11)*

Q11 **If never a subscriber, can you tell us why?** *(multiple answers permitted)*

❒ too expensive ❒ too many TS stories ❒ too many TV stories
❒ not enough photos ❒ too serious ❒ too light
❒ too boring ❒ Not carried at local newstand ❒ Other _____

Q11A **We need to know how you feel about** *TV/TS* ***Tapestry Journal*** **features. Please rate those given below on a scale from 1 to 5 where:**

1- most like
2- like somewhat
3- neither like nor dislike
4-dislike somewhat
5-dislike

___ professional articles ___ real life stories ___ personal listings
___ event photography ___ mailbag ___ columnists
___ support listings ___ bulletin ___ calendar of events
___ poetry ___ advertisements ___ other _____

Q12 **Where did you buy** *TV/TS* ***Tapestry Journal*****?** ❒ newstand ❒ bookstore ❒ support group ❒ direct mail ❒ friend ❒ other_____

Q13 **I first learned about** *TV/TS* ***Tapestry Journal*** **from** ❒ friend ❒ TV/Radio ❒ therapist ❒ other_____

Q14 **Favorite** *TV/TS* ***Tapestry Journal*** **cover?** (issue #) _____ least favorite? (issue #) _____

Q15 **What I would like to see in** *TV/TS* ***Tapestry Journal*** **is** _____

_____

Q16 **What other gender-related magazines do you purchase on a frequent or infrequent basis?**

	frequent	*infrequent*
LadyLike	❒	❒
Chrysalis Quarterly	❒	❒
FemmeMirror	❒	❒
Crosstalk	❒	❒
Other _____	❒	❒

Q17 **Would you participate in a new survey so we can learn more about our readers?** ❒ yes ❒ no

MEMBERSHIP

Q18 **Do you think IFGE should be a membership organization, that is, a group where each member pays an annual dues, and thereby qualifies for certain benefits, such as publication discounts, etc?**

❒ yes
❒ no
comments? _____

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At present, if you subscribe to *TV/TS Tapestry Journal,* you have a vote for the Board of Directors. An IFGE Supporter receives a 10% discount on conventions. A proposed membership would further recognize your support of the Foundation's efforts and would include certain additional privileges.

Please send your completed survey to the International Foundation for Gender Education by **June 3rd, 1994**.
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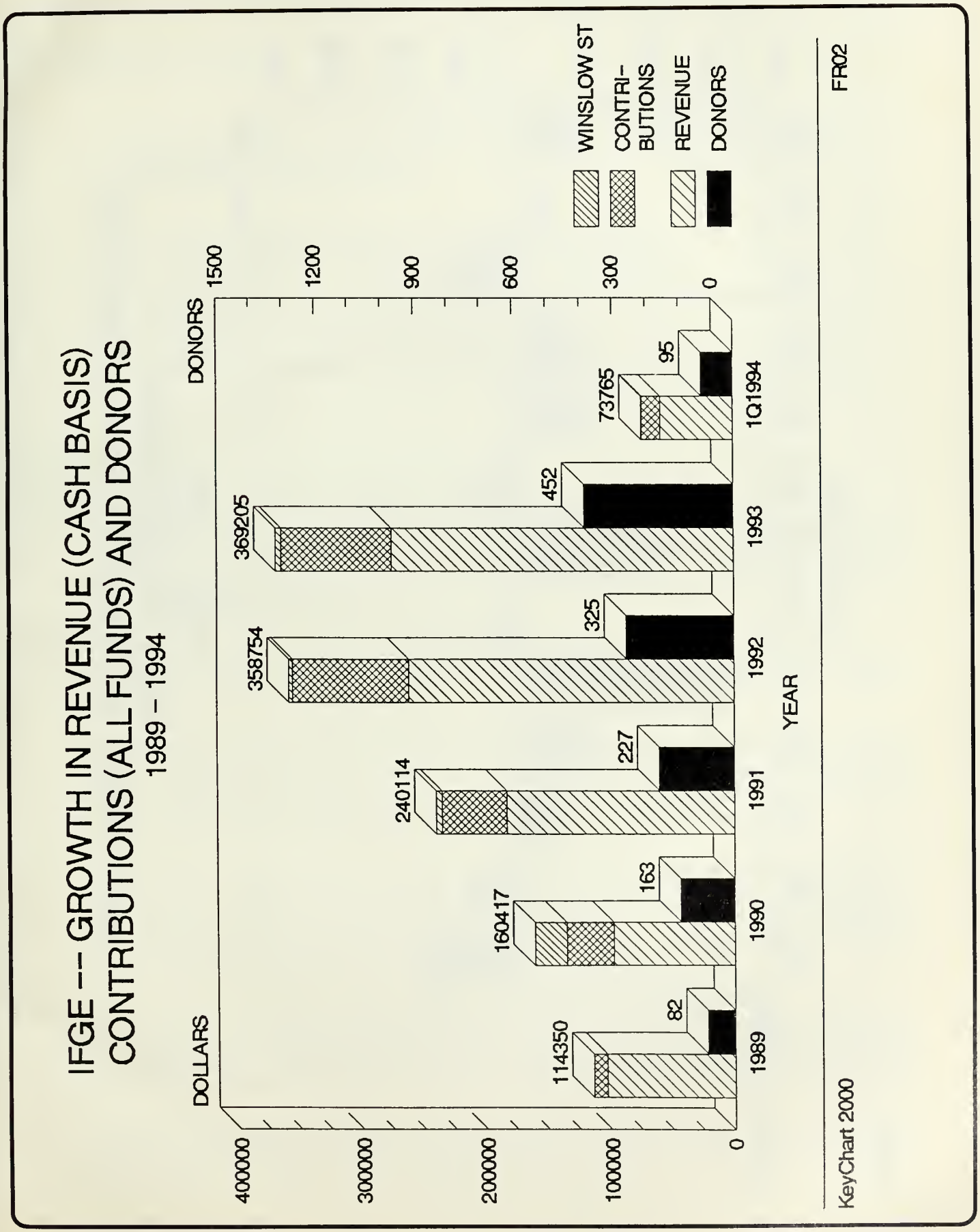
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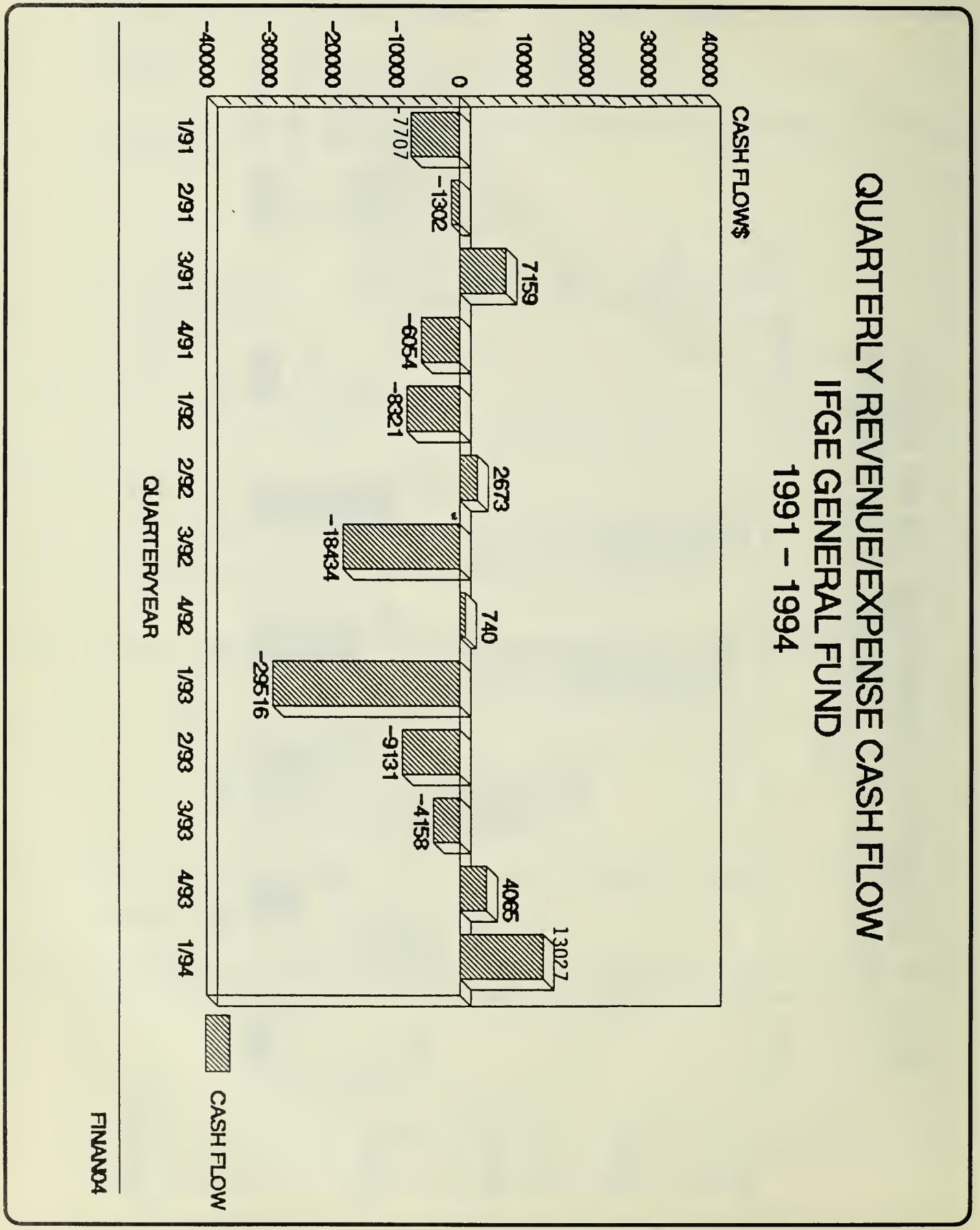

Statement of Strategic Intent

The statement of strategic intent is as follows:

By the year 2OOOAD, the International Foundation for Gender Education will become:

an *advocate* for freedom of gender expression[1]
a service partner with the *health care* community[2]
a *media communicator* to promote understanding, awareness and acceptance of gender diversity[3]
and an *academic partner* for gender education and enlightenment[4]

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[1]This statement is intended to include all segments of the gender community, which are too numerous to list for the purpose of a statement of vision or strategic intent. If you consider yourself a member of the gender community (M2F, F2M, TS, TG, TV CD, genuine person, the non-labeled, Drag Queen, Poor Person, Underprivileged, Gender Challenged, Gender Gifted, etc.) then you are included here.

The intent is to advocate the Human Rights of ALL people, yet, specifically concentrate on advocating the equal rights of all members of our community without regard to race, religion, sexual preference , physical disability, or economic circumstance.

Additionally, the advocate position is intended to communicate IFGE's commitment to promoting freedom of gender expression in compliance with our certification as a nonprofit organization designated as a 501 (C) (3) type organization by the IRS. Our advocacy will be active but short of direct involvement in the political process as required by our IRS certification.

[2]The intent with regard to the health care community is to include all professionals that serve members of the Gender Community. There are many types of health care professionals too numerous to list. However, it includes, but is not limited to Doctors, Endocrinologists, Surgeons, Psychologists, Counselors, Social Workers, Addiction Counselors, and any other member of the medical or mental health field that serves any member of our community.

[3]This is intended to support the educational aims of IFGE as well as drive IFGE to produce high quality educational materials suitable for documentaries and network TV and radio to enlighten our community and the general public. All print media are included as well as electronic media. The intent is NOT to be a Hollywood Producer and sensationalize the issues that IFGE promotes.

[4]The thrust of all of IFGE's strategies related to education are targeted not only at our own gender community but also targeted at the general public. This includes local support groups, regional groups, public and private schools, colleges, and universities.

Mission Statement

The International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) is a leading advocate and educational organization for promoting the self-definition and free expression of individual gender identity.

To this end, IFGE values:

- ☐ individual uniqueness and dignity;
- ☐ personal wholeness;
- ☐ respect for human diversity; and
- ☐ the respect, acceptance, enforcement and protection of gender-related Human and Civil Rights for all.

IFGE strategically focuses its resources on all gender identity-related issues by providing:

- ☐ communication between social, professional, religious, governmental and fine arts organizations while fostering open communication between individuals and encouraging communication networks among support groups worldwide;
- ☐ referral and access to competent medical, psychological, legal and other services;
- ☐ outreach to all persons and their families who experience gender-related concerns;
- ☐ periodicals, monographs and other educational products to educate;
- ☐ a resource for information about organizations, services, and further, responds to individual, organizational and public media inquiries;
- ☐ research and education; and
- ☐ understanding and acceptance of individuals who seek to define and express their own gender identities.

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(Updated April 1994)

(All Organizations and Services are sorted according to category and by zip code. All Groups are non-profit and non-sexual in nature unless otherwise noted. All information shared is confidential.)

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PUERTO RICO (000-009)

MASSACHUSETTS (010-027)

TV/TS - **GLEBIT'S APPLE**: Address invalid.
Mutual advocacy and support for Gay males, LEsbians, BIsexuals and Transgendered people and Supporters, hence GLEBITS.

CD/TS/SO - **SUNSHINE CLUB:** Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035.
Monthly meetings at a church in the Pioneer Valley area. Discretion and toleration expected.
☞ Monthly newsletter

FTM/SO - **EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:** P O Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060
Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs. Meetings are potluck buffet.

TV/TS - **BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES**: P O Box 508, North Adams MA 01247
Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Meets the first Friday of each month.

TV/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK**: P O Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267
Support without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. Publish quarterly.
☞ *The Myriad Network News.*

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:** I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director.
Educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Sponsors the annual Coming Together convention. An international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, "drop-in bookstore" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.
☎ (617) 894-8340
FAX (617) 899-5703
☞ *TV-TS Tapestry Journall*

TS/SO - **LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUAL PERSONS/NEW ENGLAND**: c/o IFGE, P O B367, Wayland MA 01778-0367
Support group for parents, siblings, other relations, of TS persons. Led by Marie Mann, MA in Expressive Therapies. Meets Wednesday at 123 Moody Street, Waltham, Mass., 7:30-9:00pm.
☎ (617) 899-2212.

FTM/SO - **THE ADAM SOCIETY**: c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367.
Support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others. Monthly meetings.
☞ *Adam's Word*

TV/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.**: TCNE, POB 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483.
Organizing get-togethers, workshops,

seminars, and beauty courses, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings. Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

☎(617) 891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm EST)

Rosebuds

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP**:c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483.
Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, TCNE Provincetown Outing weekend in Oct.

☎(617) 891-9325(answered live Tuesdays 7:00 10:00pm EST)

TV/TS - **REFLECTIONS**: P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026
Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, research library, referral database. Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St. at Arlington St, Boston.

☎ (617) 323-6082

Newsletter

TS - **GETTING REAL**: P O B 194, West Newton MA 02165.
Support group for hermaphrodites, intersexes, primary TSs, and others with sexual/gender incongruities and their families. Medical information, advice and support. Monthly meetings in downtown Boston. No fee. Free parking.

TV/TS/SO - **AXA:** P O B 380547, Cambridge MA 02238.
Social support group offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists. Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. No dues or fees. Interview required.

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE**: TGA, P O Box 38-1005, Cambridge MA 02238.
A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the International Gender Bill of Rights.

TV/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653.
Social support group for those on Cape Cod and SE MA. Meets first Tuesday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place.

Newsletter

TV/TS -**SOCIETY OF CROSS-DRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS:** SCHE, 276 Pearl Street #L, Cambridge MA 02139

SCHE Mail.

JOSEFINA A. SPECKERT, MEd: 30 East Housatonic St, Suite #3, Pittsfield MA 01201.
Psychotherapist specialising in gender issues.

PEOPLE*SYSTEMS POTENTIAL:
Niela Miller, MS Ed, LCSW,
P O Box 132,
Nagog Woods MA 01718
Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Monthly group for CDs and TSs in Concord, Mass. Supervision available for mental health professionals.

☎ (508) 264-4565.

NEW HORIZONS COUNSELING:
Clyde Hilburn, MSW Candidate,
P O Box 191,
Ashland MA 01721
Individual counseling and support groups for those dealing with gender issues.

☎ (508) 435-6656.

DIANE ELLABORN, LICSW, NASW Diplomate in Clinical Social Work:
16 Boston Post Road, Suite 205, Wayland MA 01778.
Psychotherapist with 15 years experience provides psychotherapy and divorce mediation for CD/TS, transgendered people and their spouses.

☎ (508) 877-9671

ELKE U. O'DONNELL, PhD:
43 Roberts Road,
Cambridge MA 02138
Supportive, confidential counseling for transgendered people. Open to spiritual issues and dreams.

☎ (617) 876-6489

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: Ari Kane,M.Ed.,
Gender Specialist
233 Harvard Street, Suite 302,
Brookline MA 02146
Counseling in gender issues, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors. All sessions are by appointment.

☎ 617-277-4360

SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES):
66 Wyman Street,
West Medford MA 02155

Staff of Board Certified and Licensed Social Workers, psychiatrist, and psychologist to deal with sexual and gender issues, identity problems, relationship problems, depression. Qualified for health insurance payments. Evening and Saturday hours available.

☎ (617) 395-2450.

DENNIS PEARNE, EdD:
Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave,
Belmont Ctr, MA 02178.
Mailing: 133 Grove St.
Watertown MA 02172.
Clinical psychologist.

☎ Office: (617) 484-0013.

GENDER AWARENESS & INFORMATION NETWORK:
GAIN, POB 368,
Boston MA 02215,
Ari Kane, Director.
Referral services and educational resources for health care professionals on issues of gender conflict and gender dysphoria. Seminars, workshops, and professional supervision are offered from time to time. Memberships available to helping professionals.

☎ (617) 277-3454.

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RHODE ISLAND (028-029)

TV/TS - **SILENT PASSAGE**:
No admirers, please. Just forming in Rhode Island. Over 21, personal interview.

☎ (401) 438-7417

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)

TV/TS/TG/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH**: P O B. 211, Keene NH 03431.
Support for gender community members, family, friends, Helping professionals. Regular meetings at various locations in southern New Hampshire. Interview required for new members.

☎ (603) 924-8828

WRITERS INC.:
P O Box 6211,
W. Franklin NH 03235
TV/TS confidential. $24/year in US, $29 yearly for Canada and overseas. Free 40-word ad .

☎ (603) 934-3379

Monthly Newsletter.

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D.:
PO Box 157,
Plymouth NH 03264
Gender Specialist. Psychotherapist serving the New England area. Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with U. of Minnesota.

☎ (603) 536-1306.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING:
104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431
Ken DeVoid, Ed.D.
Gender identity counseling. Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available.

☎ (603) 357-5544

MAINE (038-047)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT**:
Box 17622, Portland ME 04101.
Education and social activities for members of the gender community, their families and friends, and others interested in these issues. Monthly general meetings and monthly small discussion group. Speakers' bureau. Strict security. Write .

Trans-Talk

MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE: c/o Jean Churchill, P O Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894.
Volunteer organization working to provide information, referrals, and support to Maine's transgendered community, and education about gender dysphoria to the public. NOT a support group.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:
126 Western Ave.,
Ste. 246, Augusta ME 04330.
Ariadne Kane, Director
Conferences and workshops on gender issues, Gender Attitude Reassessment Program for health care professionals, clinical supervision for sex educators and counselors, Fantasia Fair, speakers' bureau for meetings and conferences, seminars for couples.

☎ 207-621-0858.

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VERMONT (050-059)

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, POB 163, Farmington CT 06034.
Social and educational organization. Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month. Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Membership/recommendation required.
The Outreach News

TV/TS - **YE CG BRITS**: c/o P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA.
Open to British-born Male to Female crossgendered people who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British-born TGs for friendship and support. We also wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. We shall be keeping in contact with TG groups in Great Britain.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY) CLUB**: Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.
XX Club is the TS peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends/relatives welcome. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off North Main Street). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter. Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.
XX, published bi-monthly

IMAGES: P O Box 85, Thompson CT 06277
Provides peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community. Group meetings and individual counseling. 24-hour crisis hot-line to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations. Call for phone interview. Safe and secure meeting place.
☎ (203) 779-9708 voice and FAX.

CD/TV/TS/TG/SO - **P I GROUP**: POB 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245.
Supportive, safe get-togethers. Send SASE for information. Available through networked BBSs.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. Clinton R. Jones, Director
Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy and for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.
☎ (203) 646-8651

W. RILEY SNOW, MD: 1001 Farmington Ave., Suite 302, Bristol CT 06010.
General psychiatry and individual psychotherapy. Board certified. Knowledgeable about gender issues.
☎ (203) 582-1178

NEW JERSEY (070-088)

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS**: Address invalid.
Using the twelve-step recovery program to help gender-conflicted individuals heal from the effects of gender identity conflict. The twelve steps are adapted from Alcolholics Anonymous. Meets every Thursday night at 8:00 in Teaneck, NJ. No fees, but there is a collection within the group.
☎ (908) 721-7469, Kate.

TV/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH OCEAN GROUP:** POBox 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.
Affiliated with Renaissance Education Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Member Garden State Gender Coalition, ACLU, NJ Lesbian and Gay Coalition. Monthly meetings, socials, SO support, outreach.
Monmouth-Ocean News

TV/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK**: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.
Group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**: Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960
Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required.
☎ (201) 663-0772.

TV/TS - **RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER:** P O TBox 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330.
Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm.
☎ (609)435-5401

▲ - **SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.
Meets the fourth Saturday of each month.
☎ (609) 586-1351

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL ORGANIZATION SELFHELP:** c/o A. J. Gilberti, 6 Firethorn Way, Toms River NJ 08755.
Phone networking—self-help for male-to-female, partial or full transsexual. A way to talk and possibly meet others. Phone.Contact, or by mail.

▲ -**CHI DELTA MU**, P O Box 203, Oradell NJ 07649-0203
Tri-Ess Chapter.

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA**: c/o Muriel Olive, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners,
☎ (212) 570-7389

TV/TS - **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK**: Suite 120, 70-A Green-wich Village Ave, New York NY 10011.
A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, positive and valued element of society. Social activities for non-Gay and Gay charities. Meetings first Friday of the month, 8:00pm, Gay Community Services Center, West 13th Street and 7th Avenue. "If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals."
☎ (212) 580-9858 (NYC), (516) 889-1980(LI).
Imperially Yours

TV/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK**:561 Hudson Street, Box45, New York NY 10014.
Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday., social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries.
☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332.
(718) 461-9050
City Lights

TS - **SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS**
A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.
☎ Answering service (212)969-0888.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY**: Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163.
For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type. Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times.
☎ (212) 388-7022

▲ - **CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475.
Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Interested in attracting wives/girl friends. Over 75 paid members. Existed over five years.
☎ (201) 663-0772.

TV/TS/SO - **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, POB 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007.
An open social support group, meetings.
☎ (201) 794-1665, ext 202.
Lipstick and Lace

▲ - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION**:LIFE,POBox 410, Stony Brook NY11790-0410.
Primarily exists as a social support group for heterosexual crossdressers. Lambda Iota chapter of Tri-Ess.
Lifelines, monthly newsletter.
☎ (516) 538-5304

TV/TS/SO -**TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB**: TGIC, Box 13604,Albany NY 12212-3604
Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all.
☎ (518) 436-4513 (live Thurs. 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).
Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO -**TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO B 177,Tillson NY 12486-0177.
Clergy and professionals are also welcome. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral.

TV/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE (EON):** 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226.
Open support regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. Context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events. EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly.
☎ (315)475-7013 office hours
(315)475-5611 messages

▲ - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS**: c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820
Centered in Troy, Albany, Schenectady area. Monthly meetings, library, affiliated with TGIC in Albany. Screening before attending.
☎ (607) 547-4118.
Cornbury's Closett, quarterly

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO:** c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220.
TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings.

▲ - **NU PHI CHI:** Denise Miller, 7954 Transit Road S197, Williamsville NY 14221.
Good manners, taste and common sense expected. Monthly meetings, occasional meeting notices. Meetings usually held on the second Saturday of the month in a secure environment. Changing rooms available. New members screened.

TV/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** POB 92055, Rochester NY 14692
Group mostly from upstate NY. Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.
☎ (716) 251-2132
CD News

GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT
Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, NYC, NY 10011
Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals. Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professinal referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services for male and female transsexuals. The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and professionally supervised.
☎ (212) 620-7310

METAMORPHOSIS:
P O B 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island, NY 11106-0260
Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information, Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm.
☎ (718) 728-4615

MARY LYNNE WHITE:
(201) 974-2433
Counseling services focusing on creating inner balance between male and female energies, inner child work, rebirthing.

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TV/TS - **TRANSPITT**: P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230
Open membership policy. Meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referral required for new member.
☎ (412) 231-1181.

TV/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS**: 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261, Erie PA 16505.
Newsletter for full and associate members. Full members only at meetings. Meetings in even numbered months are in accepting public establishments. Odd numbered months are in secure space. Membership policy is open. Discretion and confidentiality are demanded. Apply in writing. Screening interview required
Mirror Images

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER**: Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122.
For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month in York, PA.
☎ (717) 780-1578.

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: CDI, POB 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**: Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020...
For the gender community at large. Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Meet at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, socials/community activities. Chapter Leader Maryann Kirkland
☎ (610) 630-1437

TS - **PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP**: P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103
To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals. No drugs or excess baggage.
☎ (215) 567-7879.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**: PO Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406.
Open group that accepts and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help under-stand transgender behavior.
☎ (610) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

PERSAD CENTER, INC.
5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616
Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins.
Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others. Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormone therapy, and sexreassignment therapy.
☎ (412) 441-0857

DELAWARE (197-199)

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

TV/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE**: c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724.
Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.
☎ (301) 277-5475.

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON**: TGEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215.
(formerly DCEA) Group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others. Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Affiliated with couples' group and MAGA (TS support). Outreach to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community.
☎ (301) 949-3822.
The Pinnacle, Bi-monthly

MARYLAND (206-218)

TS - **THE BRIDGE CLUB**: c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.
Transition support, interview required. Confidential membership list. Meets monthly. Inquire. Newsletter.

TV/TS - **MY CHOICE**: Address invalid.
Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. We usually go out sociali-zing after meetings. Shopping, makeup and coming-out help available.

COUNSEL FOR RELATIONSHIPS:
Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (301) 652-6448

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.:
H. Martin Malin, PhD, 2114 N. Charles Street, Ste 3 Baltimore MD 21218
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (410) 528-1638

VIRGINIA (220-246)

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE**: MAGA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215..
Formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Fri. of each month.
☎ (301) 977-0938

TV - **BLACK ROSE**: P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210
Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.
☎ (301) 369-7667

TV - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET**: P O Box 7386, Richmond VA 23221-0386
Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.
☎ (804) 222-6796

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS
Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (703) 532-8723

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT:
Deborah Gilbert, Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015
Center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS. Gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Applicants subject to a thorough screening by staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.
☎ (804) 622-9900

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

CD/SO - **TRANS-WV**: POB2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.
Non-sexual. Monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month. Well established group for friendship, fun, makeup tips and more. Screening interview required. Security respected.
Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

TV/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION**: TGA, c/o L. Hahn, P O Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114 c/o Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427
Group for CDs, androgynes, TSs and their significant others. Monthly meetings, referrals to professionals. Interview required.

TV/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP**: GDANC, P O Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145
To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need to talk. Meetings on the third Sat. of every month at a private apartment.
☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ - **KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS**: P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101.
Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia. Meets odd numbered months in Charlotte.
The Pink Slip

TV/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANSSENSUAL ALLIANCE**: Divinity (J. G.), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100
Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club. No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. SOs welcome. Referrals to merchants, consultants, clubs.
☎ (704) 531-8838 (voice mail)
All the Beautiful People!

▲ - **CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519.
See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

TV/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.
The Carolinas oldest all-inclusive support network. Small weekly gatherings and large meetings every other month. Open discussions, programs, referrals.
☎ (704) 259-9428
Gender Quest

LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC:
940 Hutton Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101;
Nationally certified counselor specializing in gender-related issues. Psychotherapy addressing concerns of CDs, TGs, TSs and their significant others.
☎ (919) 727-0008

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

GEORGIA (300-319)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272, Roswell GA 30077
Monthly meetings.
The Southern Belle
☎ Helpline: (404) 552-4415

TV/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION**: AGE, P O Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357
Modeled after Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. Non-sexual and member-operated. Membership open to anyone with a gender concern, families, friends. Meet twice a month. Screening before attending first meeting. One-time $25 screening fee, and $5 per meeting.
☎ Helpline: (404) 875-9846.
Atlanta Gender Chronicle

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033; Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.
☎ (404) 603 9426
MM & PI Monthly newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).
Professionally managed support group and national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service.
Helpline: (404) 939-0244.
Chrysalis Quarterly, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials.
☎ (404)939-2128
(404)9390244 helpline
FAX (404)939-1770

FLORIDA (320-340)

TV/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE**: GING, Gail Driaper,
Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donation. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Interviewed as to their needs.
☎ (904) 332-8178

TS - **FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.**: P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607
Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. Meet each month on the second and fourth Friday. $5 per meeting. Must be screened by directors. Members are in counseling.
☎ (904) 332-6638
INSIGHT

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS**: P O B 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261.
Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required.

TV/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood,
Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview.
☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - **SERENITY**: P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022;
Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale.
☎ (305) 436-9477
Newsletter.

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY**: P O Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692
Group meets for one business and one social meeting a month. Interview.
☎ (305) 784-9316
Newsletter.

TV/TS/SO - **ANIMAS**: P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.
Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Consultants in fashion/image available.
A periodic newsletter

TV/TS - **VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP**: Chrissie P. Humphreys, 944 Rialto, Venice FL 34285
Meetings the second Friday each month. Must be ladylike, no drinking. Referrals.

TV/TS - **STARBURST**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664
Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required. Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time. Interview by member of Board required.
Butterflies
(813) 527-1012.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.:
COPE, P O Box 607, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433.
Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS
Program Manager.
Private, not-for-profit mental health center. Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.:
Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, 3530 First Avenue North, Suite 209, St. Petersburg FL 33713
Board certified sex therapist & clinical supervisor; board certified clinical sexologist; licensed clinical social worker & licensed marriage and family therapist; life clinical fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. Private, confidential service providing counseling or consulting for transgendered persons and/or their partners. By appointment only.
(813) 327-1672

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162;
Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist,
Adele Kates, Director.
Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns.
By appointment.
(305) 651-6442.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:
2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607 Aventura FL 33180 Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT
Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for TV/TS. Individual and group therapy.
(305) 936-8000

TAMPA STRESS CENTER:
4023 N. Armenia Ave., Ste 220, Tampa FL 33607
Carl W. Bushong, PhD
A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition.
All services by appointment.
(813) 872-8631

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA-SOUTH, TRI-ESS:** P.O.Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660. Contact: Lisa Jackson.
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. There is a mandatory orientation program.
The Continuum

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802.
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. Mandatory orientation.

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 3361, Montgomery, AL 35109
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.
(205) 272 -2726

TENNESSEE (370-384)

TV/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS**: P O B 92335, Nashville TN 37209
Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private location in the Nashville area. Write or call to be interviewed.
(615) 664-6883 (voice mail).
Monthly newsletter

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061.
Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire.
Ms. Cotton Belle

TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402
Group meets on fourth Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Doors open at 6:00pm, and there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

TV/TS/TG **MEMPHIS TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE**: P O Box 11232, Memphis TN 38111-0232.

GEORGE R. BROWN, MD:
175 Bill Jones Road, Jonesborough TN 37659
Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards.
(615)926-1177 ext. 7709

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI**: P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253
Lee Frances, Secretary
(601) 982-7678 (24 hrs).
Premiere

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY**: LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458
Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month Invitations to meetings after screening.
(812) 944-5570, Barbara
(502) 458-8028, Patti
(502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287
An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.
The Crystal Chronicle

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053
Meetings second Saturday of the month. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer.
Alpha Omega Outreach

CD - **PARADISE CLUB**: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.
Emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ at each meeting. Meeting the third Saturday of the month. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.
Paradise Tales

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT**: Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657
A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. Meets the third Thursday of the month. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule.
(513) 474-9557, Shelbi.
monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201
Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.
614-299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TS - **INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220

Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. Meetings the last Saturday of the month. IXE has a BBS.

☎ (317) 781-0834
(Indianapolis) Danielle
(812) 876-5635
(Bloominton) Gloria
(812) 398-6235
(Shelbyville) Holly

monthly newsletter

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS:
P O Box 1245,
Royal Oak MI 48068-1245.

Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250. Formal and casual social activities. Referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work. Welcomes mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

☎ messages: (313) 537-3267.

Crossroads Chatter

TV/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:**
N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202; Justina Williams, President.

Support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.

☎ (313) 842-5258

NGDO Key to Freedom

▲ - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):** c/o Tri-Ess, POB 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary).

Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:**
P O Box 1153,
Grand Rapids MI 49501.

Social, support, and educational group. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.
Membership confidential.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY:**
c/o Tricia Marie Benton,
P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770

Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting.

Newsletter

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER:
Sandra L.Samons, ACSW, CAC,
1480 Shevchenko,
Ann Arbor MI 48103

Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned.

☎ (313) 663-7871.

LEE PADULA, PhD
37677 Professional Center Dr.,
Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154

Licensed psychologist, marital and family therapist, certified sex therapist. More than ten years of experience working with CD/TG/TS/SOs and families. the gender community. Psychological evaluations for hormones and for SRS. Transition support in employment. Day and evening appointments.

☎ (313) 953-3333.

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - **IOWA ARTISTRY:**
Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.

Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs.

Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:**
1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802

Social support group for all genderists. Meets first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:**
RCGA, P O Box 680,
Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library.

The Transformer

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE:
P O Box 12164,
Des Moines IA 50312
Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW

Counseling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals.

☎ (515) 277-7754

WISCONSIN (530-548)

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:
Pathways Counseling Center,
2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230,
First Financial Building
Milwaukee WI 53226-1304

A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards. Contact Gretchen Fincke, or Roger Northway.

☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:
Great Lakes Gender Clinic
3250 North Oakland Avenue,
Milwaukee WI 53211
Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, CICSW

Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.

☎ (414) 332 5407

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - **MINNESOTANS FOR GENDER EQUALITY:** MFGE,
Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.

An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listings for members. Interview required.

Newsletter

TS - **NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** P O Box 6432
Minneapolis MN 55406-0432 phone (612) 220-1920.

Meetings, referrals.

Newsletter

▲ **BETA GAMMA, TRI-ESS:** Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408.

See Society for Second Self, Tulare CA.

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:
CLCC, P O Box 16265,
Minneapolis MN 55414

Monthly meetings. The group provides a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered.
Interview before coming to the first party.

☎ (612) 229-3613

DISTRICT 202:
2524 Nicollet Ave. So.
Minneapolis MN 55408.

Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: c/o Program in Human Sexuality,
1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180
Minneapolis, MN 55454

A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Eli Coleman, Ph.D., LCP, Director, Walter O. Bockting, Drs., LP, Coordinator. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals; psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care.

☎ (612) 625 1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Program in Human Sexuality,
Dept. of Family Practice
and Community Health,
U. of Minnesota, Medical School,
1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180,
Minneapolis MN 55454.

In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the

Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.
☎ (612) 625-1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

NORTH DAKOTA (570-577)
SOUTH DAKOTA (580-599)
MONTANA (590-599)
ILLINOIS (600-629)

▲- **CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS**: POB 40,Wood Dale IL 60191-0040.
Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.
☎ (708) 364-9514
Newsletter

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY**: The Sunday Society, P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647
Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder.
Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.
☎ (312) 486-3125,
(312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY**: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657
Social and educational support group. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, .
☎ (312) 434-5445
Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION**: CIGA, P O Box 182, Washington IL 61571
Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required.
☎ (309) 444-9918; contact: JoAnn .
Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD: 2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035
Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psyciatric consultations.
☎ (708) 432-7007

RANDI ETTNER, PhD: 1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201
Clinical psychologist specializing in gender dysphoria, and professionally associated with Eugene Schrang, MD in Wisconsin. Preoperative evaluation, pre- and postoperative counseling for transition and beyond.
☎ (708) 328-3433

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION**: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117.
MAGGIE affiliate, A social support group for all. Meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOs group meets for professionals and significant others.
☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 997-9897.
Please leave contact information.
Gateway Femmes Gazette,

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6
Education, advocacy, and legal support.
Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS - **MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE** (MAGGIE): c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117
Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry, Wichita Transgender Alliance, and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT**: Box 45124, Kansas City MO 64111.
Support group for people in transition, or who have changed gender and their significant others.. Provides services to F-Ms and M-Fs equally. Open to all sexual orientations. Meetings every other Friday evening. Contact Davina Anne Gabriel.
☎ (816) 753-7816

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS**: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204.
MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting/social night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program.
Newsletter
☎ (913) 791-3947.

TV/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE**: P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.
MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit .
Newsletter

CD RESEARCH CENTER: Rebecca Gail Croslove, 418 Linn Street, Leavenworth KS 66048-3437

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA,P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. Screening required .
The Transformer

LOUISIANA (700-714)

TV/TS/SO - **GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE**: Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300.
Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans.
The Flip Side

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' CONCERNS**: Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221..
Membership fee for wives/partners is $10 per year. This includes membership in Tri-Ess and subscription to quarterly *Sweetheart Connection*. An additional $25 is required if you also want to get the *Femme Mirror*.
Sweetheart Connection

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS**: P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.
See Society for Second Self, Tulare CA.

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

▲ - **SIGMA BETA**: P O Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123
Social and support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their significant others, and families.

TV/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
Social organization and support group . No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.
☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

TV/TS - **DESIRE**: c/o Ms.Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

FTM - **RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK**: ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001.
National FTM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Offers F2M educational material. Loval bi-monthly meetings, international FTM network. Associated with Puss N Boots BBS.
☎ (214)994-9314, AaronDavis.
*En*Gender*

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER**: P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021.
Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. **Help Me, Accept Me** discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm.
☎(817) 429-1929
The Texas Rose

TV/TS - **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**: Address invalid.
Transgender support group. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in San Angelo, Texas. Personal interview.
Petticoat Junction
☎ (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT), Marlina Dawn Murphy

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: ICTLEP, 5707 Firenza Street, Houston TX 77035-5515
Annual conference in Houston, Texas each August. Useful to legal professionals, and of interest to laypersons. Continuing legal education credit hours available. Published Proceedings available. Write for more information.

TS - **TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Blg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058
Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming.
☎ (713) 333-2278

TV/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY**: GCTC, P.O. Box 66643, Houston TX 77266
Social organization. Meetings second Saturday each month. Group discussion, noon on first Tuesday and evening on third Thursday. Co-sponsors International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Interview for new members.
☎ (713) 780-GCTC, (713) 780-4282 voice
Gulf Coast Transgender Community

TS/SO - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS**: TATS, P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401. Taylor Montgomery.
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending.
Newsletter
☎(713) 827-5913 voice mail

▲ - **TAU CHI CHAPTER -TRI ESS**: Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105.
Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. **Wives and Partners Auxiliary** meets the second Friday of the month. **Boys R Us** meets monthly (meet male self) **Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA)** meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members.
☎ (713) 988-8064 voice.
Femme Forum

SO - **WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT**: WATS, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.
A support group for women involved with transgendered men. Names are confidential.
☎ (210) 980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please.
Partners

TV/TS/SO - **BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY**: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.
Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.
☎ (210) 980-7788 (live Wed., 7:00pm-9:30pm CT)
Gender Euphoria

TS - **SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212.
. Affiliated professionals available for help and support. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Interview required.
Monthly newsletter

SOUTH-CENTRAL TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE REGION (STAR) CONNECTION: c/o Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042.
Coalition of support groups in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Coordination of regional support group activities. Speakers' bureau, quarterly member support group information published, membership exchange program for participating groups, etc. Group representatives meet 3-4 times a year to work on regional issues. Group membership is voluntary and self-selecting. Open to all transgender support groups in the region.
Member Groups: Texas - Alpha Chi Chapter, Boulton & Park Society, Delta Omega Chapter, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Heart of Texas Chapter, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance (NW), Tau Chi Chapter, Tri-Plex Gender Association, Women Associated with Crossdressers Support; Louisiana - Tri Delta Chi Chapter; Oklahoma - Sigma Beta; New Mexico - Fiesta Chapter.

TV/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761
All enjoy full membership with equal voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.* - Camus. Monthly meeting in the Austin area. Personal interview.
☎ (512) 515-5460
Wednesdays 7-9pm

▲ - **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS:** P O Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159.
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.
☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

OAKLAWN PHYSICIANS GROUP: 3514 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas TX 75219, Dr. George Carpenter, Director for Transgender Medical Therapy.
Comprehensive medical practice, HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psychotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing, transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners. Complete treatment plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBIGDA.
☎ (214) 520-1810

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program: 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550.
Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-70s professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention.
☎ (409) 763-0016.

COLORADO (800-816)

▲ - **DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver)**: P.O. Box 16208, Denver CO 80216
A support/social group with monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network, directory of commercial services and correspondence. Screening interview before attending.
Femme Mirror

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.**: GIC, 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211.
Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. GIC provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. GIC also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message.
☎ (303) 458-5378.

TV/TS - **SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC**: Contact through GIC.
An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call for directions to the meeting.
☎ (303) 458 5378.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC**: Contact - Gender Identity Center,
An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.
☎ (303) 458 5378

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004;
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum.
☎ (303) 420-9885.

WYOMING (820-831)

TG/TS - **CENTRAL WYOMING TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP**: 4820 South Ash, Casper WY 82601
Open TG/TS support group. Weekly meetings on Friday.
☎ (307) 473-2429

TV/TS - **WYOMING N.COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER:**
Contact via the Gender Identity Center, Colorado .Call for information and directions .
☎ (303) 458-5378

IDAHO (832-838) UTAH (840-847)

▲ - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.
See 'Society forSecondSelf,'Tulare,CA.

TENDERLY SUPPORTIVE GENDER SUPPOPRT NETWORK: TSGSN, P O Box 571044, Salt Lake City UT 84157.
Meetings every other Saturday. Entrance by application.
☎(801)297-5065

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - **A ROSE**: P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813.
All are welcome: M-F, F-M.. Offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your orientation or practices.
A Rose News

▲ - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS**:P O Box 1738, Tempe AZ 85280-1738.
A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.
The Cactus Flower

TV/TS/Gay CD - **SORORITY:**
Support group for the members, families and friends. No structured fees or mandatory dress laws. Inquire.
☎(602) 293-3456

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE-WORLD WIDE: 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies
Information and referral service for TS, TV, lesbian and gay communities. Free counseling and therapy. All calls confidential. Leave message.
☎ (602) 293-3456 night or day.

THE RAINBOW PEOPLE: P O Box 36142, Tucson AZ 85740-6142.
An open group for TS/TV, drag queens, feminine males, masculine females and all transgendered and intersexed people.

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Monroe Grant, CISW, 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283,
Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues. Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends.
☎ (602) 897-0444

SHEILAFRIEDEMAN,PHD: 3930 East Camelback Rd, # 205,Phoenix AZ 85018
Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.
☎ (602) 956-3006

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.
Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members.
Fiesta!

NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO -**JENNIFER & FRIENDS**: P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.
Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP: Coordinator/facilitator Marty B.
Open support group for gender community, SOs, professionals. Meetings second and fourth Saturdays each month, 6:00pm, Community Counseling Center, 1006 E. Sahara, Las Vegas NV. Quarterly socials. Screening required.
☎ (702) 594-7884

CARING COUNSELING: Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502
Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One- or two-hour sessions.
☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TG/TS/SO - **MINORITY AIDS PROJECT**: 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90016.
Discussion and rap groups conducted by the Project's TS/TG program for TG/TS persons and their SO's. HIV/AIDS information, hormone treatment, support groups and more.
☎(213) 936-9338

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028
Amanda Silvestri, Director.
Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, & newsletter.
☎ (213) 389-6938

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, ask for Virginia.
Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Founder Emeritus.
Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families.
☎ (213) 876-6141
Alpha Bits

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE**: c/o Grace Bredow, P O Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046.
For individuals and loved ones related to gender issues. Meetings every Monday night 8-10pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1625 Hudson Street, Room #109, L.A.

TV - **ANDROGYNY**: P O Box 480740,
Los Angeles CA 90048;
Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. 9:00am - 9:00pm PT.
☎ (213) 856-4867 Rachel.

TG/SO - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS**: P O Box 816, Lakewood, CA 90714-0816;
Outreach for TG people and their families. Group meetings, rap sessions, outings and seminars.Listings of books,tapes and organizations.
☎ (310) 869-4241, FAX 869-5662

TV/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803.
Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806.
Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City.
TV Epic

TV /SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB**: CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009.
For heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners. Meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month. Meetings are for members and approved guests.
☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.
CHIC Clippings

CD/TS - **CD SOCIAL GROUP**: PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.
A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE::** PO Box 1897, Corona CA 91720.
Monthly dinner meeting with guest speaker for members of the gender community, their family and friends. Planned members-only outings from time to time. $40 per year. Screening required.
Born Free

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER**: P O B 12581, San Diego CA 92112.
A self-help group to help its members live a normal and productive lives. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, list of helping professionals.
☎ (619) 685-3696

TS - **PHOENIX RISING**: c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.
A support/social group for transsexuals in

transition stages. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: , P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713;
Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group . Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write.

☎ (714) 262-9105.

▲ - **OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA)**: P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686.
Contact: Joan Goodnight.
Social support group. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA**: PPOC, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686.
Open social and support group . Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern Cal. Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required.

☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays
9:00 to 9:00 pm PT,
leave message.

PPOC Girl Talk

▲ - **TRI-CHI:** P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.
Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF**: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct.

☎ (209)688-9246

Femme Mirror

TV/TS - **GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES**: Address invalid.
GCA is an educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contributions are welcome.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:
32158 Camino Capistrano,
Suite 203, San Juan
Capistrano CA 92675
Wm. G. Heard, PhD, Director.
Program for gender dysphoric persons. Evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Program is permits the patient to explore alternatives to sexreassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

☎ (714) 240-7020

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow, PhD
10350 Santa Monica Blvd. Ste 310
Los Angeles CA 90025
Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing.

LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER: LAGC,
3331 Ocean Park Blvd. Ste 100
Santa Monica CA 90405.
Marie Keller, MFCC
LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/,lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.:
Roxanne Cherry, M.A.,
343 3rd Street,
Laguna Beach CA 92651
Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

☎ (714) 497-9925

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE:
P O Box 2916,
Palm Springs CA 92263
Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.
A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO**:
504 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588
Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call , have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy.

FTM - **FPSG**: #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990.
Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION**: SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.
Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, PO B 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. It is intended as a social / educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC has an open membership policy with over 400 members. ETVC and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.

☎ (510) 549-2665
if no answer call Telzey at
(510) 849-4112

ETVC Newsletter

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS,
c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486,
San Francisco CA 94142-6486.
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of CD/TS. Meetings .

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DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG,
P O Box 272885,
Concord CA 94527-2885
Informal, social support group Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons.

☎ (510) 849-4112

Devil Woman

FTM/SO - **FEMALE-TO-MALE**:
FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142,
Oakland CA 94618.
Monthy support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Quarterly FTM nesletter $15.00/yr ($20 Inter.) Professional sub. rate $25.00/yr. FTM Resource Guide $5.00. Inquire.

TV - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS**:
c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541,
San Jose CA 95150-6541.
For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. Group security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION**: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.
Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Meetings first and third Fridays of each month. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept, make peace with themselves. Visitors welcome.

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☎(408) 984-4044 warmline

TV/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** SGA,
Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456,
Sacramento CA 95821-1456
SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups .

☎ (800) 585-7742

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TV/TS - **SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP**: Address invalid at this time.
JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual. Monthly

program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER:** Address invalid at this time.

Social support group provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients only. Call hotline for an appointment.

☎ (916) 529-2201

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA, TRI-ESS (Sierra Silver Bells):** SSB, P O Box 19933,
S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.

See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93454
Ms Tauria Linala,

Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program. Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

☎ (805) 922-1309...voice,
(805) 549-0961...data.

WILLIAM A. HENKIN, PhD: 1801 Bush Street, Suite 111, San Francisco CA 94109.

Psychotherapist and board certified sex therapist specializing in work with adults living alternative sex and gender lifestyles. Gender identity concerns and transitions, SM/DS/BD, infantilism, sexual orientation including attention to dissociative states, depression anxiety, shame, guilt. Individuals, significant others, couples. Fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists, HBIGDA, Bay Area Gender Associates, NLA.

☎ (415) 923-1150

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, P O Box 424447, San Francisco CA 94142
Gianna Eveling Israel, Director.

A private personal growth counseling program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term counseling, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional counseling & training.

☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102

We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' / 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610

Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale.

☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION HBIGDA, P O Box 1718, Sonoma CA 95476.

Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Establishes the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

☎ (707) 938-2871

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: Address invalid at this time.

A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. Provides high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races. Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D. D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901

Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.

☎ (415) 456-4452

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 494-2952.

Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions confidential.

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: Address invalid.

Social and support group . Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information.

☎ (808) 923-4270

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SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224

Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

☎ (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE:** NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208

A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible.

☎ (503) 774-8463

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ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER: Address invalid at this time.

All functions are held at the Living Communion Church, 3830 SE 62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.

☎ (503) 230-1036

TV/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:**
P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

TS - **SALMACIS:** The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist;

Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

☎ (503) 688-4282
(Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).

Femmes Together and *The Equalitarian Feminist.*

TS - **SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network:** SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS:** TLF, Seattle Washington 98103

Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.

☎ (206) 292-1037

TV/TS/SO - **EMERALD CITY:** P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103

Frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of a variety of gender expressions. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Partners welcome at meetings and eligible for membership. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored.

☎ (206) 284-1071

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THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122

Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

☎ (206) 329-6651

ALASKA (995-999)

CD/TS - **THE BERDACHE SOCIETY:** c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381.. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.

A social, organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community. Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

The Berdache Voice

ALASKAN T-PEOPLE: c/o Bobbie Wendy Tucey, P O Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349.

Strictly social, not political in any way. Social activities for the whole family: fishing parties, outings, whatever. The purpose is for those of us who have our family's love and support to be able to do things with them.

CANADA

TS - **ETRE FEMME;QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.:** Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2

French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

☎ (418) 529-1152.

TS/SO - **FACT - QUEBEC**: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.

Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation. Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to media, etc.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON**Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6. : Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distrib-ution Director/Canadian Regional Director,

Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS who is pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. Quarterly newsletter. All incoming mail is screened to insure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered.

TV/TS/SO - **CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** Club MET, 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8

Social support group .Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter.

☎ (514) 528-8874

Garter Press

TS/TV - **FACTT - OTTAWA**: Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Support group for transsexuals and transvestites. Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACTT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a time for a callback.

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT**: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

Annual membership fee. . Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details.

Trans News

TV/TS - **CHRYSALLIS**: Address invalid.

Support group. Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, 7:00-10:00pm.

TV/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES**: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8

Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one .

☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC** : P O Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Social support group open to all. Meetings twice a month, parties at other times. First Saturday is an alcohol-free social. Frequent informal activities outside the club. Referrals, help line, quarterly newsletter. Membership $40 per year.

☎ (613) 749-5203

Notes from the Underground

TV/TS/SO - **CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB**: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process.

☎ (416) 921-6112(24 hours)

CanadianCrossdresserMagazine

PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB: P O Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 5C7 CANADA

Open, support, social and educational club with accent on fun. General meetings the first Thursday of the month, socialization meetings every Thursday. Write to get meeting date with an interviewer for required screening process.

☎(204) 257-2759

TV/TS/SO - **MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB**: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization . Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service . Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide*. Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the first weekend in October. Membership interview.

☎ (416) 949-6602

Newsletter

Annual yearbook

▲ - **PHI SIGMA TRI-ESS**: Attn: Audrey Allen, Box 40523, 929 42nd Ave. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2G 5G8

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Meets monthly except for July and August. All membership strictly confidential.

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd.S.E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

Social support group meetings the second Saturday and last Thursday of the month(7:30pm). Door fee for cost plus a little contribution to charity. Yearly membership $30 includes subscription to newsletter and membership card. New members must be screened. Must be member or invited guest to attend meetings.

Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood PO, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P4V8.

Social support groupmeeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter.

Illusions

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are those visiting from other cities. Meetings held 7:00pm-11:00pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place. By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS**: P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C-5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information. Private interview required.

TS - **ZENITH FOUNDATION**: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational and informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/TS/SO - **FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**: FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5L 2R5 CANADA

Advocacy, peer counseling, education and awareness programs, weekly drop-in programs, monthly socials, referral services. Open organization.

☎ (604) 254-9591

TV/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY**: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1.
Support group for heterosexual crossdressers and wives. Inquire.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:
Clarke Institute of Psychiatry,
250 College Street,
Toronto,Ontario,
CANADA M5T 1R8.
Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking.
☎ 416-979-2221, ext. 2339

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC:
Vancouver General Hospital,
715 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, British Columbia,
CANADA V5Z 1M9.
Dr. Diane Watson, Director
Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery.
☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:
Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2,
Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390,
Mexico, D. F. Mexico.
Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.
☎ & FAX 673-53-12

ENGLAND

TV - **BEAUMONT SOCIETY**: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX England. Information 071-756-1782.
Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdresserss throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Provide a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service, network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member.
The Beaumont Bulletin

TS/SO - **WOBS-THE B S PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help. Inquire.

TV/TS -**SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured.
☎ Newsletter

TV/TS - **BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

TV/TS - **THE GENDER TRUST:** BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.
A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured.
☎ 071 730 7453 from
7-10pm Thursday(transsexuals)
7-10pm Tuesday(transvestites)

FTM - **FTM**: BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND
Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, free, but donations requested. Annual meetings held in UK, and local friendship groups throughout the world.
Boy's Own

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual. handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members.
☎ 0323 641100
dyscourse

TV - **TRANSVESTITE'S SELF HELP GROUP**: TSHG, P O Box 3281 London E1 6JG ENGLAND
This new group for CDs has been formed by ex-members of the defunct TV/TS Support Group. Offers a comfortable place to meet, good changing facilities, refreshments, and regular social events.
☎071 289 5240

TV/TS - **NEW TRANSESSEX**: P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT
Social club. Meetings 4th Friday of every month. There is a quarterly magazine, and a help line. Inquire. Very secure.
☎ 0268-583761,Wed./ Sun.eves
7:00pm - 10:00pm.
Reflections

TV/TS - **LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP**: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary
See 'Beaumont Society.'
Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm.
☎ 051 709 4745
Friday evenings only

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY**: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB.
An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome. **Security** applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - **THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester)**: Jenny Baker, , P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND.
Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available.
Cross Talk

BOYS OWN: 376 Upper Brook Street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 OEP ENGLAND

TV/SO - **ROSE'S**: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND; 0742-342870.
A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.' Regular social evenings 2nd Fridays, parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Full confidentiality assured.
☎0742 342870 or 0742 691444
Repartee

SCOTLAND

TV/TS/SO - **GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND. 03398 83695.
Open to members of other groups. Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester,.
The Tartan Skirt
☎ 03398 83695

TV/TS - **THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP**: address invalid at this time.
Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh, at 1.00 for 2.00pm. Meetings in Glasgow every second and fourth Monday from 7.00pm. Very conscious of individual security. Wives/partners welcome.
☎ 031 556 4049 (7.30-10.00pm).

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSLYNX TV/TS GROUP**: Crosslynx, c/o SLGS, POB 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.
Provide help and support to all . No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. We are conscious of the need for security.

CD/SO -**TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND)**: Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND. Tel 031-555 6416.

Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please SAE.

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: P.O. Box 210, Belfast BT1 1BG N. IRELAND.
Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Association Beaumont Continentale, c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

DOCTEUR DE FRANCE: Docteur de France, Chateau de la Frogerie, 45240 Ligny le Ribault, FRANCE. ☎ 38454100.
Sexologue.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, Switzerland.
Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - **DE STICHTING REBORN:** Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS.
Social support group . Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries.
☎ 010-4503469
Newsletter

STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM: c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen
Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING: Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, Netherlands
Self-help group for (ex)partners, parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

STICHTING EDE: Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum, Netherlands
Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally.
Newsletter.

STICHTING OMD: P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB), Netherlands
Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

VERENIGING L K G T & T: P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, Netherlands
Open gender dysphoria group. Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, Netherlands.
Transformatie

TRANSSEXUAL CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN: VIRGIN, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, Netherlands
TS support group. Friends and relatives welcome.

WERKGROEP FACET: c/o Rode Kruislaan 61, 5628 GB Eindhoven, Netherlands.
Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren, internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology, Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057, 1007 MB Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up.
☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS: Ms. P.Klene, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam,netherlands
Helps TS. Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

GERMANY

TV/TS - **TRANSIDENTITAS**: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitaet, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY
Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire.
☎ 069 8001008

TSH ESSEN: Claudia Peppenhorst, Caesar Strasse 34, 45130 Essen GERMANY
☎ 0201 - 78 69 99

TS GRUPPE HAMBURG: Christin-Susan Black, Nueblerkamp 13a, 22175 Hamburg, GERMANY
☎ 040-754 43 23

TSH MUENSTER: Claudia Scholz, Budden Strasse 22, 48143 Muenster, GERMANY
☎ 0251 43240

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Dr. Waltraud Schiffels, Schloss Strasse 6, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY
☎ 0681-58 39 12

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Marc Elsholz, Am Hagen 13, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY
☎ 0681-589 8449

TV - **TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE**: c/o MANNEGE, FRIEDRICHSTRASSE 165 (HAUS DER DEMOKRATIE) 10117 BERLIN GERMANY
Counseling and support group for men who like to crossdress. Rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society.
☎ 030 208 21 57

TS - **TRANSSEXUELLENGRUPPE IN DER SEKIS BERLIN**: c/o Uwe Klaassen, Albrecht-Achilles Strasse 65, 10709 Berlin, GERMANY
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm.
☎ 030-345 36 81

TS - **VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Simone-Yvonne Budzyn, P O Box 710232, W-8000 Muenchen 71, GERMANY
Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and a Xmas meeting. Write for more information.
☎ 089-7916643 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

▲ - **FPE-FRANKFURT**: c/o Infrmationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Sandweg 49,D-60316 Franfurt am Main, GERMANY
Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending.
☎/FAX (069) 4950446

TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.: Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach/M., GERMANY
Frankfurt, meetings every third Wednesday, 8:00pm, Selbsthilfe - Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhlandstrasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main.
Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof la.
Offenbach meetings third Wednesdays, 8:00pm at Selbsthilfe-Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland Strasse 50, Frankfurt/Main.
Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm.
Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

NORWAY

TV - **FPE-NE**: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY.
An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview with qualified member.
Feminform

SWEDEN

TV/SO - **FPE-NE**: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN.
See F.P.E. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview with qualified member.
Feminform

TV/SO - **FPE-SWEDEN**: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN
Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances. Private interview with qualified member.
Feminform

FINLAND

TV/TS - **SETA**: P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND
National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals, where around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki.

☎ (9)0- 135 8303

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, DENMARK.
See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY.
A group representing TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish.

☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - **SEXUAL LIBERTIES**: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.
This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. Includes a representative from this community.

PAKISTAN

TV - **KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan.
Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

☎ code 05921 6158leave message, or 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY OF LATVIA: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, 2015 LV, LATVIA.
Networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastern bloc. Filtering news, exchanging data, contacts, referrals, etc. Information exchange, reduced rate services and equipment supply, in respect of soft - currency of the country. Free-will donations of clothing/shoes/wigs/breast forms welcome. Agencies at discount if it can be arranged. All and any academic material contemporary about TV/TS to educate their authorities, media and the proletariate.

Phoenix Rising

RUSSIA

TV/TS - **ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW**: Margaret Mankevich, 678190 Aihal, Yakutia, Gagarina Str No 28, Flat No 3, RUSSIA. Telephone 11.19.
Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention. Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOPE.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel.

JAPAN

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB**: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN. Telephone 03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).
The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. Located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

Queen

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB:** 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.
The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items.

Queen

TS - **ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP**: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN
See Elizabeth Club listings above.

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**: The Secretary, Box 146, Ulladulla, New South Wales 2538, AUSTRALIA.
The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TRANSGENDER LIBERATION COALITION INC.: P O Box 208, Kings Cross, NSW 2011, AUSTRALIA
Advocacy group to promote the human rights of people with transgender issues. Currently negotiating to form national group to represent our interests.

TV/SO - **SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**: Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, PO Box 628, Gympie, Queensland 4570, Australia.
Details of activities not yet available.

AUSTRALIAN TRANSGENDERISTS SUPPORT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND, Inc.: ATSAQ, P O Box 212, New Farm, Brisbane 4005 Queensland AUSTRALIA
Provides support, counsel, referrals, hotline. Information on Social Security, Medicare, Motor transport, discrimination, health rights, police service, etc. Monthly meetings, newsletter. All information is confidential.

☎ 07-846-3787

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne 3001, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.
The largest continuously active club in Australia. A social/support organization forCDs and their families. We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

Seahorse Victoria

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: No longer active.

TV/TS/SO - **CARROUSEL CLUB**: c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.
Social support group. Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well. Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

TV/TS - **THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT**: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia
A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

☎ 369-2613

Nu-Scene

TS - **WEST AUSTRALIAN TS SUPPORT UNITY PRIDE**: WATSUP, P O Box 771, Doubleview, West Australia 6018 AUSTRALIA, mail to be marked, Attn: Lee-Anne.
Support for TSs, their family and friends. To lobby towards legal changes in West Australia. Fortnightly meetings, social nights, newsletter, $10 joining fee. All members sign a non-disclosure and confidentiality form.

CD - **CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**: Loretta Strange, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100.
Open support for gender people and their partners. Meetings first and third Thursdays each month, 8:30-11:0

THE GENDER CENTRE: Projects Manager, PO Box 266, Petersham, NSW 2049, Sydney, AUSTRALIA.
Welfare organisation for people with gender issues. Provides medical, psychological gender and HIV/AIDS counseling, support, referrals. Resource development service. Drug and alcohol service. Residential service to support those moving towards independent living.

NEW ZEALAND

TV - **HEDESTHIA:** Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.
Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

TV/TS/SO - **NEW ZEALAND GENDER DYSPHORIA FOUNDATION**: NZGDF, P O Box 2827, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Irregularly scheduled meetings. Bimonthly newsletter,. Lending collection of books, videos, lingerie.Membership only to CD, TV, TS, SO.
La Femme

TV/TS - **THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND**: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND. (Miss Leone Neil.)
Now in indefinite recess and no longer functioning.

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL OUTREACH PROJECT/ TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION WELFARE AND HEALTH ORGANISATION**: TOPs/ TEWAHO, P O Box I1-412, Manners Street, Wellington NEW ZEALAND
TS advocacy and peer support group, HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, counselling. Free STD checks. Referrals. Require you send an introductory letter.
On TOPs

SOUTH AFRICA

TV/TS - **THE PHOENIX SOCIETY HELPLINE**: Box 6433, Parow-East, 7500, South Africa.
The Phoenix Society is a social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.
Fanfare

TV/TS/SO - **SATRU**:c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

WEST AFRICA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA
Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organizaton.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: cd request @ valis. biocad. com or uunet! sgi!biocad! valis! cd-request
Electronic mailing list digest. Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees. Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.
Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone interested in transgenderism and related issues. News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.
Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

GENDERLINE: BBS (Compuserve Information Service). Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission of system operator of the Human Sexuality (HSX) forums. For Compuserve subscription information, call 800-848-8990. Within Compuserve, access the HSX Support Groups\Adult Forum by typing GO HSX200 at any prompt. In HSX Help Files (Library 16) read the file CLOSED.TEXT — Closed Section
Agreement for instructions on joining GenderLine and the other restricted-access sections. Discreet support community for TG people of all kinds. Message board, con-ference area, data library, archived discussions,fiction.

NEW WOMEN'S SUB-BOARD: (301) 317-1868. 24 hours.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.
Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers. Answer "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to access to public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.
Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

GDANC: SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4.
Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/ 2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.
Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc. Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

CAROLYN'S CLOSET: Minneapolis, MN; (612) 891-1225; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.
Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

THE DIVA CONNECTION: Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (708) 416-8894.
Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture.

LIFETIME: Chicago, IL: (708) 438-1901. 300 thru 14.4K Baud 8N1.
Support, information, E-mail for the entire TV/TS/TG community. Free 24-hour board. Message/Conference sections, Gender-related File areas. Sysop Denise Peters. New users sign on and then leave message to Sysop for acces to private gender area. Full coverage of activities of Chicago Gender Society and Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess. Current happenings in Chicago, Southern Wisonsin, NE Indiana metro area. If you are a Tri-Ess or CGS member, give membership number for access to member bulletin area.

PUSS N BOOTS: Richardson TX Board phone (214) 437-0688 node 1 (1200-28,800 baud) all nodes.
Support BBS for gender issues. 24-hours/ day, seven days/week. Access free to gender community. Mention *Tapestry* in your log-on questionnaire and leave message. Let SYSOP know if you live full time. TGnet available with echoes New-Women, New-Men, Transition and more. Also latest AIDS/HIV information. SYSOP Aaron Davis.

THE OTHER SIDE: Boulton & Park Society, San Antonio, TX. (512) 545-4888; M-F approx. 5pm - 6am CT, most times on weekends; suggest 8N1; 300/1200/2400 baud.
Electronic mail and information exchange with Boulton & Park Society. Some text files available for public download. For access to The Other Side, leave private E-Mail to SysOp with request. Security level mormally upgraded within 24 hours. User names are kept confidential.

FEMINET: (408) 648-8887 2400baud, or (408) 648-8734 14400 baud V32b, 8-N-1, located in Monterey Bay, Calif.
Most active BBS exclusively serving the gender community, central hub of TGNET, the international network for TG people. Over 1000 non-fiction files for TGs, 2000 gender fantasy stories, over 1000 TG GIFs, software for IBM, all TGNET echomail forums, selected FIDONET echomail forums, semi-private mail functions, netmail, special personal contact features. Library is kept up to date. Log-in to line 2: (408) 648-8887 with your name and personal password on the DIGICOMPUTRONICA section. Once logged in, read the announcement and general screens until reaching the first menu, and press P. When asked for a validation code, reply with KEY. Financed with contributions. Line 2 basic access id free. $25 yearly for additional line 1 and full library access. $100 for maximum lifetime multiline access. Special arrangements available for international callers,or those with equipment to donate.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 766-TVTS (766-8887).
Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. 300/1200/2400/9600 v.42bis N/8/1, 4 lines. News and information, games, chat, e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. More! Two week demo with discreet sign up.

TerraNet BBS: Accessible via PC Pursuit-CASAN node in Santa Ana, (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex.
Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWA's (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, TRANSGENDER and POLIGEND echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Users receive 30 days full access as new users. Then it is $30/year. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues.

TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Info Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.
Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service. Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

MYTH'S REALITY: Anchorage AK (907) 338-2869. 300/1200/2400/9600, 8N1.
Electronic bulletin board and information service for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community. Teleconferencing, forums, "Sig info," games, and much more. Easy to follow menus. Sysop access approval in writing. Coded password access upon approval.

TRANSGEN:transgen-request@brownvm.brown.edu
Electronic mailing list in mail or digest form. In support of transgendered issues, emphasis on transsexuality. No fee. Like cd-forum. Internet access is required. Archives available. Anyone may join the list, but must be screened by the moderator before joining. Posts to the list are not confidential. No requirement to post.

TRANSITIONS BBS: Las Vegas, Nevada, (702) 366-9663 300/1200/2400 Baud. 8N1.
Board dedicated to helping people during transition. All messages can and may be read by operators. For private area access, leave private E-mail to Sys-Op Ryane with request stating sexual/gender identity. Aliases allowed. Real names/addresses kept confidential.

IN FRANCE: TOOT*EON+RETURN, or TOOTSIE+RETURN, or PSEUDONYM NANCY US+RETURN, TRANS+RETURN, to dialogue, 1+Return. Contact: Jeanne, tel and FAX (331) 69 46 14 29.

IN GERMANY: TRANSWORLD: +49-5551-1568 (inside Germany (05551) 1568), 2400-19200 MNP5, 8N1, online 17:00-7:00h MEZ.
Totally free. First German BBS catering exclusively to the TV/TS, mainly German language, large files library, support areas for TV and TS, up-to-date calendar. New users should send a private letter of introduction to the SYSOP.

COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106.
The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703.
Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E. The *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.
Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males. Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter-*Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking. Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

ROSEBUDS: TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (617) 891-9325 (Tues, 7-10pm, EST).
Rosebuds is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue. Mailing list is confidential.

TV-TS CONFIDENTIAL: c/o Ms. Abby M. Greene, P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235
This newsletter is for those who crossdress for reasons known only to them.

ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS: Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.
Permanent hair removal for males and females.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm).
Muriel Olive, Director.
Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

MARY LYNNE WHITE: New York City Metropolitan area (201) 974-2433.
Help with makeup, comportment, shopping, voice, refining the feminine look.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; 215-640-9449.
A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community. Publish *Art and Illusion: A Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September. Mailing list strictly confidential.

LA FEMINIQUE: 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.
A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. Mailing list strictly confidential.

CHRYSALIS QUARTERLY: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033.
The official publication of the American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. For both consumers and caregivers. Theme-related issues explore topics in depth. $36 for four issue subscription.
☎ (404) 939-0244

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.
A newsletter written by and about transsexuals

CORSET DIGEST: CD, Dept. 174, 4514 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta GA 30338.
Monthly newsletter for wearers, collectors, and connoisseurs of elegant foundation garments.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. (813) 973-0987.
A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions. Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community.

TV/TS CONNECTION: The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207.
Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.
An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.
TV/TS publishing house. Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues.

TRANSSISTERS, The Journal of Transsexual Feminism: c/o Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Avenue, Kansas City MO 64110
Non-profit quarterly magazine on issues of transsexuality from a femininst perspective. Designed to promote dialog between the TS and feminist communities and to foster feminist consciousness within the TS community. Sample issue $4.50. One year, four issues, $18. Outside USA, Canada, Mexico, $4.75 & $19. Make checks, money orders payable to Davina Anne Gabriel. Write for advertising and wholesale rates.

HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME: Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.
Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex Cd Corporation.

PARTNERS: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163
Formerly the original *WACS Newsletter*. Now expressly for couples in the transgender community. Samples $3, four-issue subscription $12.
%(210) 980-7788

GENDER REVIEW: P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001
A newsletter for the professional presenting a timely report of current publications concerning issues of gender and crossdressing.
%(303) 423-9885

FtM NEWSLETTER: 5337 College Ave #142, Oakland, CA 94618
Quarterly, longest continuously running, widest circulation for female-to-male TV/TS/SO. $15.00/yr. minimum suggested donation. $20.00 International. Professional subscription rate, $25.00.

DRAGAZINE: , P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.
Published two or three times a year. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade. $5.95 for single issue, $10.95 for two-issue subscription, as they are published.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 776-8503. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.
Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Also publishes annual Southern California resource guide. Operates News Services section of Cross

Connection computer bulletin board system. 24-hour-a-day local information hotline (818) 776-8504.

News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, Roger Peo's "Notebook," significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, Sandy Thomas fiction excerpts, JoAnn Roberts' *Hotstuff*, reviews, reader profiles, and feature articles. Magazine mailed in plain brown envelope without identifying markings.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

B. R. CREATIONS INTERNATIONAL: P O Box 4201, Mountain View CA 94040

Custom-made Victorian corsets by mail order. Bi-monthly ***Corset Newsletter*** starting its 11th year. $18 per year US and Canada, $24 overseas. Color brochure of corsets available $5. Brochure and recent newsletter $7, overseas $6/10. It is best to have the corset brochure before calling to discuss corset measuring or to order a corset.

☎ (415) 961-5354 phone and FAX, Ruth Johnson.

GENDERFLEX: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available. Does not accept advertising. Accept interactive submission,s letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER: 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2E4.

Bi-monthly non-sexual magazine for and about CD, TS, FI, DQ. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information.

BOY'S OWN: FTM Newsletter, 376 Upper Brook street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND.

Periodical publication. Write for more information.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS: BWBB, P O Box 5393, West End Bris, AUSTRALIA 4101

Bi-monthy publication for FTMs.

TRANSCARE: The Minorities Trust, P O Box 2983, Wellington New Zealand.

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND: P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.

Periodical about a variety of crossdressing issues.

TARTAN SKIRT: ADF Editorial Services, Tullochvenus House, Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire AB31 4RN, SCOTLAND

Scottish quarterly magazine for the gender community. Contains fectual self-help and first person articles on the how, when and why of crossdressing and transsexualism.

LES CHEMINS DE TRANS: c/o Belgische Gender Stichting, Pluimstraat 48, 85000 KORTRIJK - B, BELGIUM

Bi-monthly newsletter about gender issues by members of the gender community and helping professionals.

TRANSFORMATIE, P O Box 13500, 2501 EM, The Hague, Netherlands

Information and discussion magazine on transvestism and transsexualism.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: 4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.

Publisher of ***Queen*** Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.

SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. Deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LIBRARY & ARCHIVES: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033

Repository for print, film, and electronic material related to crossgender expression. The collection includes books, unpublished manuscripts, film, journal articles, clippings, videotapes, personal papers, pictures, playbills, etc. Focus is on North American materials. The library is housed at AEGIS Headquarters and is open by appointment. Access to personal papers can be limited by the donor. Materials circulate only by special arrangement. We are actively soliciting material.

☎ (404) 939-2128

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons. Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY: c/o IGTA, 1 Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO4P OAJ, United Kingdom.

Collection of artifacts related to the transgendered throughout history and the world. Seeking freewill donations of statuary, books, magazines, paintings, photos, badges, buttons, banners, etc. We seek modern and industrial items from the subculture: girl masks, prosthese of all sorts, false eyelashes, cache sexes, etc. Also seeking Oriental, Latin American, Pacific Island and Northwest African anthropological/archaelogical items, statues of dieties and from male-actress theater.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: Dr. Richard Ekins, Trans-Gender Archive, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland. (0)265 44141, Fax: 40903, Telex: 747597.

A non-profit academic research and study facility. Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

Security: One hundred percent, closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778

Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background. Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

DREAMS OF THE TRANS-GENDERED RESEARCH PROJECT: Elke U. O'Donnell, PhD, 43 Roberts Rd, Cambridge MA 02138

Psychotherapist with a Jungian background researching dreams of transgendered people. Anyone willing to contribute material, please write or call. Confidentiality guaranteed.

☎ (617) 876-6489

If there are any newsletter titles, corrections, additions or deletions from this present list, please mail them to

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Wayland, MA 01778-0367

PERSONAL LISTINGS

PERSONAL LISTINGS OBJECTIVES:

1) To provide a means of introduction, outreach, and communication for subscribers to the TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal and Supporters of I.F.G.E.
2) To provide readers with a source of support and communications.
3) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the Crossdressing/Transsexual Community.

WHO MAY PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

To place a personal listing you must be an up-to-date General Subscriber (or an IFGE Supporting Member). As a subscriber, your personal listing is free of charge for the duration of your subscription. Also, your mail will be forwarded at no cost to you.

HOW TO PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

Fill out the form on the back of the subscription form. Please note that there is a limit of fifty words for the text. Your ad may be edited for length and for taste. Please be discreet. Also, note that we will only publish addresses that are Post Office box numbers as part of the ad. No home addresses will be published in the Personal Listings. The last number after your name is the last issue of TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal you will receive on your subscription.

HOW TO RESPOND TO A PERSONAL:

1) To avoid compromising security, home addresses will no longer be printed with the Personal Listings.
2) Please follow these intructions when answering an ad:
   (A) Place your letter in an unstamped envelope.
   (B) Pencil in the name, state prefix, and membership number appearing after the name. (Be sure to use pencil so the name can be erased.)
   (C) Include $1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.
   (D) Place the letters to be forwarded in another envelope & mail to:
   TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal , *P.O. BOX 367, WAYLAND, MA 01778*

PUERTO RICO (009 - 009)

MASSACHUSETTS (010 - 027)

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-68)
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

SUSAN A.
(MA-P-M0064-K0206-71)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

AUDREY M.
(E MA-M0280-K1855-69)
MWM bi-TV, 57, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

VALERIE VINCENT
(E MA-NP-M0273-K0122-70)
Centerfold in the *Transvestian*. 5' 10", 170, long hair, wear nails 1½ inches long. Pre-op TS. "Will write to all TV/TSs, and women who find TV/TS s interesting."

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. "Have attended 60 weekends and 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room."

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-71)
Member INNvestments. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship and like interests."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-68)
SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

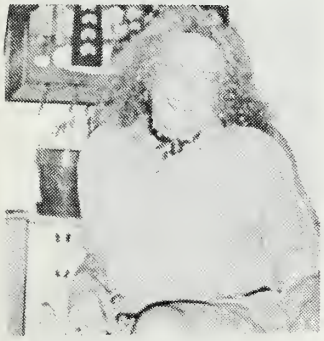
SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-71)
SBiWM TV, 38, 5' 10", 160, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice who would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and understanding women to help improve my femininity, passability, etc. Honest relationships considered."

MICHELLE LANGE
(E MA-M1008-K0071-68)
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view. Would correspond with others who enjoy the same. Collect and write stories on experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. Please, no S&M or B&D."

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(E MA-P-M1648-K0121-69)
Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 51, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out and developing the ability to pass in public and blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friendships

who are sincere and have the same interests."

JOANNE D.
(E MA-M1776-K1939-71)
"Have opened up to my wife of 25 years, but it is still difficult to talk when she doesn't ask questions. This lifelong passion demands expression. Need to communicate with anyone in Portsmouth, NH area. Please write! PS I can laugh, too!"



MARGARITA AMANDA R.
(E MA-NP-M1815-K1964-71)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88,'89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

JOANNA LOUISE EDLONS
(MA-NP-M1873-K2163-71)
WM hetero TV, 61, 15/16, Spring Fling '90, '91, Fantasia Fair '93, IFGE volunteer since 1990. "Suffered greatly until coming out in 1989. Still carry scars. Live alone, can dress at will. Need friend/confidant to share femme times. Prefer ctl MA area. Write newsy letters if you only want to correspond. I need exposure, how about you?"

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-71)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-71)
MWM, late 40's, dressed all my life. "Wife knows. Tolerated, but not in her presence. Hobbies are sailing, camping, hiking. Physically fit, 6', size 20. Love heels, earrings and everything in between. Why are women the only ones who can wear skirts?"

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND
(SE MA-P-M1923-K2160-68)
"Tall, well built, attractive. Love dressing up and going out dancing, etc. Enjoy jogging, skiing, tennis, golf, fishing, photography, video, writing fantasies. Married with children. 5'11", 170 (14), killer legs. Prefer seductive fashions, cocktail dresses, flippy skirts, etc. I like jewelry. Like to make contacts in upstate NY, MA for get-togethers, day trips."

DIANA S. DWYER
(MA-NP-M2146-K2539-70)
"I am placing this ad because I am need of positive, honest support. I am not interested in sexually obsessive individuals. I am 27, a light drinker, and a non-smoker. I'm involved in psychotherapy for my transsexual feelings as well as my abusive childhood. If interested, please write."

JOAN RYDER
(E MA-M2841-K4747-69)
Member TCNE. 37, 5'11", 150. Dates intelligent, caring, old-fashioned gentlemen who enjoy dining, theatre, and the finer things in life.

JULIE O.
(MA-M3632-K7085-68)
40, 6'2", 150, BiDWM, natural feminine features. Interested in photography, music, girl things, to overcome anxieties, total femininity/serenity. "Having a loving BiGG friend has freed my real feminine self. The transition is next. I love life and wish to share support of just becoming another woman in the world."

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-69)
"Caring and nurturing CD, love high fashion, but am learning everyday feminine appearance. Seeking the spiritual and emotional side of the transgendered experience. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Active in building our community, advocating a political agenda that builds human and civil rights for the gender community."

JENNIFER M.
(SE MA-P-M2585-K3754-69)
35, 5'10", WM, bi-TV, TS tendencies, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Have been crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy being feminine. Would like to hear from TV/TSs. Send photo and phone number so we can get together. Will return all letters."

DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-70)
Member TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. "Coming our step by step. I invite you to join me to share support and friendship. Is the understanding and acceptance of this duality a spiritual path? Will share living space with compatible person on North Shore."

SUZANNE HAMILTON
(MA-NP-M4006-K8683-70)
45, WBiM, 160, 5'8", TV, 160. "My love is to spend every free moment modeling and shopping for evening gowns and wedding gowns. I'm looking for a friend to share these moments of happiness. Each day I come to enjoy the new person I am, and would love to help you find that person in you. My fantasy is to be the model for a full photo layout of the blushing bride."

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-NP-M4028-K5999-71)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

ROBERTA STANLEY
(MA-NP-M4064-K8798-71)
TCNE, 5'8", 155, size 12, brown eyed brunette, married with children. Enjoy skiing, sailing, SCUBA, reading, corre-

spondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up to dine out, shop, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute. My goal is to be an attractive lady obviously enjoying her femininity."

MICHELLE J.
(MA-M4172-K9093-71)
MWM with TS tendencies. 6', 185 and losing. Interested in computers, golf. "Wish to meet other TS/TV for help and understanding as wife doesn't participate. Love to dress in short skirts, heels and everything feminine. Thank you for helping me out of the closet."

JAMIE STRONG
(MA-NP-M4618-K10154-70)
Mid-30s with understanding girlfriend. "Reaching out for the first time for help from other couples to find my way in genderland."

LOLA B.
(MA-M4624-K8302-69)
"I would love to meet other TSs in Central Northern Mass. Have been dressing since childhood, but only recently taken serious steps towards really being a woman. I am 45 and will only spend the rest of my life as a woman. Many varied interests."

CARRIE ANNE CHRISTY
(MA-NP-M4663-K10320-70)
Lifelong CD, 5'6", 142. "Enjoy people, my passability, exercise, travel, dancing and modeling. Value honesty and dependability. Love wearing silk stockings, heels, diamonds and cocktail dresses to occasions such as the theatre. Seek friends in central MA and NE."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

ANDREA K.
(RI-P-M1771-K1934-71)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known and treated as one."

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER
(RI-P-M2207-K2655-70)
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a support group in RI."

ALISON YOUNG
(RI-NP-M4650-K10273-70)
5'11", 170, blue eyes. Interested in sports, history, films, rock 'n' roll, art. "I am coming out. Would appreciate any advice and friendship."

RACHEL E. (NH-M3760-K8206-68)
MWM, 5'4", 10 petite, late 40's, feel 30. Love Porsches, skiing, diving, beach days, step aerobics, and fashionable clothes. "Just recently discovered IFGE, Tri-Ess and am at the nervous but excited stage over the possible outside ventures. Really need other CDs to talk to RIGHT NOW. Letters, photos absolutely responded to in kind.

STEPHANIE J. HARRINGTON (RI-NP-RI-M4680-K9681-70)
Applicant to Gender Identity Clinic. 42, 6', 145, 34AA-26-35. Legal name is Stephanie. "Seek other TSs for friendship, also real women to help me pass better. I live full-time as a woman. I work in jeans. My boss and co-workers know about me and transsexuality."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

A. M. GREENE
(NH-P-M0731-K0277-69)
Silly post-op female transsexual. Interests are computers, reading, music and all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS confidential* newsletter.

ANNE MARIE B.
(NH-P-M0844-K0302-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Age 81, M, retired physician. Interested in music (flute), wildlife, woodworking, computers. "Crossdresser for more than sixty-five years, out in public many times, years ago. Now an old lady and contented home-body. My dear wife accepts, but takes no joy in my seeking of a feminine image."

KERRI R.
(NH-P-M1095-K0294-68)
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends and making new contacts."

KIMBERLY ANN C.
(NH-NP-M4243-K5161-71)
Divorced TS, 150, 10/12, mid-40s. "Workout regularly. Want and willing to help CD/TV/TS who take honest pride in themselves and what they do. Not the best, only the best I can be. Looking towards writing pen-gals from all over country. Please write. Will return promptly, exchange discreet photos."

KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT
(NH-M4423-K9669-69)
WM 5/10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in gardening, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Will correspond with TV/TSs, men and women who find our community interesting."

CAREY CLARKE
(NH-M4441-K9688-68)
Member TCNE. MWCD. "Only able to

express feminine side in last couple of years. Love to help people. Professional business counselor. Interested in computers, bicycling, Tai Chi, being Carey. Would love to correspond and meet if you'd like. Letter/photo/phone gets same. Love to hear from all."

CARLA STEPHANIE L.
(NH-NP-M4360-K6207-68)
Member of XX Club and GT in northern NH. "I am pre-op TS with SRS goal. On hormones, doing electrolysis (ouch!) and psych therapy. Love dancing and shopping. Love to meet anyone by phone, letter or in person."

MAINE (038- 047-)

LYNDA ANNE V.
(ME-M3007-K5262-69)
Member TransSupport. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, romantic novels, flowers, boating, shooting, and swimming. "TranSupport and publicly speak on gender dysphoria. Have crossdressed since early age, often out in last thirteen years. Seeking girlfriends in mid-coast area or lower ME with whom to correspond, dress and/or travel."

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Transsupport. MWM, 39, 5'8", 127, 12, hetero CD since age 3. Wife tolerant, but non-supportive. Out since October 1992. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined. Interested in outreach and education about TG, transcendental meditation, theatre, creative writing, fine arts, architecture/interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, corresponding.

MARGARET E. C.
(ME-P-M3764-K8224-68)
Member Transsupport. MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Would like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

CATHERINE B.
(ME-M3945-K8512-69)
STV/TS, 40s, 5'10", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Lifetime TV. Love to go out dressed, but hard to do here. Enjoy camping, hiking, woodworking, and carpentry. Would like to find employment as caretaker, maintenance and housekeeper. Looking forward to developing TS body, mind and spirit. Seek friendship, relationship with TS, GG."

JESSIE B.
(ME-P-M4039-K4282-70)
Divorced TG, 40s, 5'8", 160, br/bl. "Live at home as a woman. Typical Piscean—very worldly, very spiritual. Love the Buddhist goddess Tara. Enjoy corresponding and tasteful mail. I'd love to hear from women, TG/TS/TVs."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-69)
Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the northeast who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-68)
SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to crossdress, meet others, especially couples for girl talk and friendship. Been dressing since I can remember. Please, no long correspondence. I live alone in a small house in the country."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-71)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."

DARLENE S. ROSS
(CT-M0838-K0390-70)
MWM, mature hetero CD, 5'8", 170, 20, retired, passive. "Lifelong CD, nonsupportive wife. Enjoy all things feminine, especially shoes. Not passable, could be with practice and opportunity. Like travel, sports, reading. Enjoy corresponding with sisters of similar interests."

DAWN H.
(CT-M0858-K0377-68)
MTF pre-op TS in transition. Attended Fantasia Fair '84-'91, Coming Together '90. 5'10", 150. Very sincere and caring person. Interested in sewing, '50s & '60s music and cars, water skiing, boating, quiet times with someone special. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-70)
Member Tiffany Club, Connecticut Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, early 50s. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine crossdressers for correspondence or possible get-togethers."

CAROLE STEPHENS
(CT-P-M1799-K1954-71)
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, especially lower Fairfield, Ct. area."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-71)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for

shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

LISA M.
(CT-NP-M1828-K0352-70)
SWM hetero TV, 41, crossdressing since age 5. Interests include performance art and photography. "I am putting together a project on crossing gender lines and would like to receive advertisements with double meanings for crossdressers, such as, 'Gentlemen prefer Hanes!' (Personally, I prefer Liz Claiborne.) Please send me any ads you have found."

RAMONA G.
(S CT-NP-M1948-K2274-68)
Member of TCNE. Attended Fantasia Fair '88-'91, Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Awards Banquets '89-'91, Miss Provincetown, 1991. 64, 5'11", 180, MWM, hetero TV. Supportive wife and daughter. "Just love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out for days at a time, shopping en femme. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of crossdressing and being Ramona."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-NP-M3214-K6216-70)
Member COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware, tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Been dressing fully since early 20s, just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and attending some outings in the near future."

JACKIE ELLIS
(CT-P-M3301-K6560-70)
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Would like to correspong, swap photos, and meet other TVs."

MARIANNE GIBSON
(NW CT-NP-M4331-K5757-68)
SWM TV, 5'10", 165, blue eyes, long lashes, never out. "Very shy, but happily feminine. Love classical music, painting, quiet times, non-linear thinking, and catalog shopping. A photo and a nice letter from other TV/TSs, especially in my region, would be very special. I would hope to respond."

STACI H.
(CT-P-M4520-K4199-69)
Member COS. Statuesque 6'2" CD with supportive spouse. "When my wife caught me wearing her Maidenform, she ran out of the house to buy me my own! As a woman in a previous life, Staci traveled around the world in a USO troupe during World War II. Nuts about heels."

BILLIE K.
(CT-NP-M4673-K10349-70)
Member COS. 50s, 5'10", 155, MBiWM. Interested in golf, auto racing. "I'm easy going, like to meet other sisters. Like the feel of nylons and sexy lingerie. Have been out some. Travel limited. Looking for help with finishing touches of my makeup. Write with your tips and pleasures. Will answer all."

JOHANNA B.
(CT-M3759-K5153-68)
TV, 50, 6'6", brown hair, green eyes. Interested in classical music, computers, movies, *Star Trek*. "Love all things feminine, still in closet. Looking for a supportive SO. Would like to meet and correspond with tall CD/TVs (6'5" or over). Love my femininity, and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

ELENA LEWIS
(NJ-P-M1200-K0417-68)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. STV, trim and petite. Intelligent, sensitive, demure, affectionate. Active in NY area gender community. "Enjoy meeting mature minded men. Prefer local contacts only. No smokers, please. Enjoy dining, music, many cultural activities. Can advise other sisters."

TERRY M.
(NJ-P-M2400-K3206-70)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. Attended Poconos weekends, Autumn Accords. 5'8", 39 forever, brown hair and eyes. Interested in early music (Medieval Renaissance era), bluegrass, philosophy. Am active in 12-step recovery group. "Happy to be out of the closet and involved in our community."

JOANNE MICHELLE W.
(NJ-P-M2944-K5064-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Bi SWM, pre-TS, 36, 6'3", 195, brown eyes/hair, never married. Interested in everything female, malls, romance novels, writing, quiet nights with a good friend. "Open minded, sincere, pass well, want to hear from other TS/TVs and GGs to help me be the woman I am. Need a kind reassuring friend to get out of the house more. Very shy."

KIM JOHNSON
(NJ-NP-M3037-K5279-69)
MWM professional person. "Crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Wish to correspond with others for mutual support. Interests include sports, family, computers. Want to become more self-accepting."

JULIE C.
(NJ-M1460-K0452-69)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

PAMELA G.
(NJ-P-M3070-K5682-69)
MWM, 22T. "Lifelong CD. I particularly enjoy the styles of the '50s and '60s, but anything with ruffles and lace will do. Someday I'll look JUST LIKE Donna Reed. Enjoy writing and swapping photos. I'd like to meet CD/TS/GG from Bergen, Passaic or Rockland County."

BABS C.
(NJ-P-M3219-K6211-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Eulenspiegel Society. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM. Supportive and understanding loving wife. "Enjoy fine art, music, standard bred horses, tennis, and of course going out and doing everything en femme. Starting electrolysis. Began shy and submissive, developing confidence. Like to hear from married TV/TSs."

DONNA R.
(NJ-M3270-K4353-68)
MWM, 40s. Interested in developing more of feminine self, lingerie and corresponding with other members of the gender community. "Would like to develop friendships with other CDs in the NY-NJ area."

JANE T.
(S. NJ-M3487-K7209-70)
MWM, hetero, 6', 195, 50. Closet inhabitant. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, rubber, B & D. "Into manufacturing B & D gear. Will write to all!"

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-NP-M3309-K6595-70)
Member Renaissance. MWM, TV, 40s, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attend monthly meetings of Renaissance. Attended TCNE First Event '93, '94. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TVs for friendship and socializing. Open minded. Can travel. Photo appreciated. Plan to attend a number of weekend events each year."

DORIS C.
(NJ-M3643-K7840-68)
5'7", thin, cute, well-educated, good writer. "Since dressing in younger sister's clothing as a child, the attraction to dressing in teen and pre-teen clothing has only gotten stronger. Would love to write all with similar interests. Were you forced to dress as a child? Will answer promptly and trade experiences."

CHARLET S.
(NJ-M3653-K7879-68)
Member Crossdressers International. Hetero, S, 51, 215, 5'10", hazel eyes. Interested in fashions, TV/TS publications, lingerie, and heels. Been to Paradise in the Poconos, Coming Together '93. "Haven't been out dressed. Seek TV/TS friendship and get-togethers in the NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly. Please, no sex letters and no men."

JIOVANNA ALEXIS TOWERS
(NJ-P-M3678-K7998-70)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network, AEGIS. Ultra-feminine, open-minded Sagittarius pre-op TS (type VI Benjamin Scale). 5'7", 135. "Enjoy modeling, glamour, makeup, hairstyling, astrology, cooking, dance music, parties, Club Edelweiss, and Madonna. On hormones since July '92. Enjoy corresponding with the gender community, and women encouraged. No men please. Host get-togethers."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-69)
Attended Poconos Week End, Be All. 160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Hobby is being feminine. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, free to travel. Drop me a line."

LINDA MARIE C.
(NJ-P-M3864-K4739-68)
24-year-old single girl. "I love to express my inner self through my womanhood. Recently discovered *Tapestry* and have started to correspond with other sisters. Will write to all. Please include a photo that I can treasure. Love you all!!"

STACY R. (NJ-P-M3870-K3467-69)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. Attended March on Washington, Paradise in the Poconos (spring '93). Type 4 TS (Benjamin Scale), independent thinker, compassionate, bright, easygoing and sober. Interested in transgenderism, environmentalism, growth healing, reading, hiking, music, Tai Chi. "Will respond to all. Especially need to hear from other nonsurgical transsexuals."

JAN DIANA N. (NJ-M3908-K4840-72)
MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-P-M3949-K8508-69)
MWM, bi, 5'11", 34, educated, shy, full-figured. "New girl on the block and would very much like to learn and experience more about this wonderful lifestyle. Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to sexy lingerie and teddies. Want to correspond with others and make new friends. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with the same."

DIANNE WHITE
(NJ-NP-M4025-K5217-70)
Member MOTG. 59, 5'11", TS on hold. Slim figure, nice legs. "Love dressing stylishly and provocatively. Spike heels, minis and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Good, let's chat. Love corresponding. All subjects from I need a pat on the back to plain girl talk. All letters answered."

CHRIS C.
(NJ-NP-M4266-K9042-71)
SWM CD, 27, 5'6", 125. CPA, athletic. Enjoys outdoors, movies. "Interested in meeting a single genetic female for companionship. Possible long-term relationship."

GILBERT A.
(NJ-P-M4370-K8128-68)
SWM, 30s, seeks transsexual female for one-to-one relationship. Send Photo. "I'm from New Jersey, a comedy promoter. Can you relocate or travel?"

JENNIFER DELMONTE
(NJ-P-M4437-K9678-68)
Attended Paradise in the Poconos. Very passable SW TV, 36 who adores everything feminine. "Interested in quality people including TV/TS/GG and men. Also love high heels, silk, and heart-shaped lips. Sensual and provocative fem seeking to meet friends and playmates who enjoy the third dimension of human sexuality."

DENISE B.
(NJ-P-M4471-K8267-69)
MWM hetero CD, 37, 5'7". Interested in shopping, cooking, being feminine, being outdoors, computers and boating. "Have been dressing for as long as I can remember, and can pass in public. Looking for friendship, someone to talk to and help develop the feminine side."

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-NP-M4719-K10436-70)
Member TV/TS Northern NJ. "Just recently came out and loving every minute of it. 35, 5'6", 140. Active in photography and music. Would be willing to help my sisters with photos. Love being a girl and look forward to meeting other girls like me. Looking forward to hearing from you."

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-70)
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CAROL TAYLOR
(NY-P-M0428-K0617-68)
Member TCNE. MWM, forty-something, very feminine, discreet, lifer, shaved, smooth, intelligent, articulate, gorgeous, fabulous figure (natural 34C), good correspondent, modest, fun. P'town twice a year. Wife supportive. "Enjoy letter and photo exchange, any feminine topic. Special interest in bras, breasts and feminine figure development."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

ANGELA S.
(W NY-P-M0719-K0615-71)
Member EON, TVA. Participant Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together. Awards EON Pioneer Award. 5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

RENÉE SLOCUM
(W NY-M0651-K0649-68)
Member CD-Network. SWM, 5'11", 160, hetero, 34, college educated. Interested in photography, ballet, R and R oldies, antiques. "Like to hear from CDs in Geneva and Finger Lakes area. CD for over 20 years. Not passable, but enjoy private feminine get-togethers. Like to hear from women interested in CDs."

ANGELA S.
(NY-M0719-K0615-71)
Member EON. "We are a very special and gifted people. I am proud to know all my friends who are transgendered, and wish them all a pleasant journey on their chosen paths, and all my love."

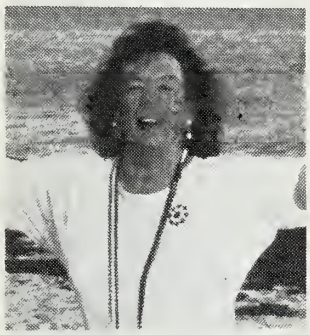
DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-68)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-NP-M1035-K0559-71)
Divorced, 45, hetero, attorney. Has been crossdressing entire life, and out since 1982. Besides crossdressing, enjoys writing, singing, song writing, and plays bass

guitar. Enjoys skiing, long walks. Only dates women who accept Vickie. Former editor, *Lifelines,* former member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Does reply to correspondence sooner or later, usually later.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-71)
DWM, 43, 5'9", 185. Strong TS feeling since early childhood. "Love the professional look: pumps, dresses, hosiery, etc. Would like to dress and get out more in the Southeastern NY area."

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-68)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."



VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-70)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-68)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love music, humor, Broadway poetry, writing & corresponding, talking and being a woman."

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-70)
Member EON. 5'10", 185. Interested in outdoors, reading. SWM. "Love the total feminine look. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY and northeastern PA."

JOANNE S.
(NY-P-M2375-K3117-69)
50s, conservative, married (she doesn't know yet), people-oriented, understanding. "Love meeting new friends to explore and watch grow. The femininity that bonds us together. The real me first surface in my single-digit years and has been developing ever since. Trying desperately to come out and could use a hand."

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-71)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Am basically a caring sensitive person."

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-70)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-71)
Member of Tri-Ess.

MICHELLE MARTIN
(NY-P-M2834-K4740-69)
W NY single TV, 28. Interested in fashion, music, friendship, passing. "Life-long TV. Caring and understanding. Starting to get out more as Michelle. I enjoy corresponding with others and making new friends."

SHARON ANN STUART
(NY-P-M2848-K4761-70)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Dream, '70s, Miss Congeniality 1976. Vice Chair IFGE Board of Directors, Member of International Conference on Transgender Law, Director of Military Law Project and Bill of Gender Rights Project. Married, 6', 165, 53. "CD since age four. Out since 1968. Go out often. Enjoy writing fiction and poetry."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-P-M2851-K4777-68)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with a very supportive wife. Have dressed all of my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange letters and photos with those who enjoy all things feminine. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

JILL DIAMOND
(LI-NY-P-M2852-K4771-69)
SWM, 48, 5'7", 140, very passable. "Engaged to a supportive friend. I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire or evenings out on the town developing my femininity. I've been out of the main stream for a few years, just now getting back into the flow. *The best of both worlds.* Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and their mates. Travel extensively."

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-68)
MWM, hetero, supportive wife. Enjoys family, cooking, crafts, full expression. "Love to correspond and exchange ideas and experiences. Have grown considerably thanks to my sisters in the community. Photo exchange encouraged. Let's help each other grow."

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-NP-M2974-K5110-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Buffalo Belles, Roch-

ester CD Network. Formerly Denise A. Miller. 45, 5'13", life-long CD. "Came out last year. Working on appearance. Conservatively dressing businesswoman who also loves to golf. Glad to help beginners needing moral support. No sex letters. Any other tall ladies' clothing besides Penney's and Lane Bryant?"

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-70)
Member TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 54, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF. An over-all outdoors country girl.

BRENDA VEE
(LI-NY-NP-M3089-K5695-69)
Member: LIFE/Board of Directors. Fantasia Fair '93. SWTG, 44, socializes as a woman. "True 'gender jumper' who loves life and all its people. Learning the meaning of daily self-expression. I love shopping, dining, fashion and makeup, and dress well. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, sincerity. F to M, too!"

ANGELA MARTIN
(NY-P-M3252-K6426-70)
Member CD Network. SWM, forty-something. Lifelong CD. "Wrote and published, *Remember Hercules,* positive thoughts for CDs. Creative Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working personal growth program."

SHARON HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-71)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

JEAN TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3375-K6723-71)
Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada. Can travel to meet & love to correspond and swap pictures."

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-71)
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of Long Island."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

VICKI M.
(NY-P-M3674-K7974-68)
30's, 5'10", 16, 170. Interested in Victorian antiques, photography, fashion, making videos. "Love elegant surroundings and clothes, bridal gowns, formal wear from the 40's and 50's, satin, velvet, as well as 'career wear.' Have lots of clothes I'd like share with others, but need help with makeup, wig. Would love a maid to help me."

JODIE H.
(NY-NP-M3700-K8044-69)
"Married having a ball doing it together! Looking for fun places to go in NY, Phila., Pocono area, or anywhere. Do the clubs and shopping. Write me with your favorite spots. Trying to learn lip sync. Any ideas would be appreciated. Have a great day!"

JAYNIE JILL G.
(NY-P-M3776-K3786-69)
Member LIFE. 5'11", 12/14T. "I enjoy writing girl talk to my sisters about life, adventures, clothes and being more feminine. My travels take me around the US and overseas. I'd like to share with you as others have shared with me. Hobbies include writing a column in *Lifelines*, music and being more feminine."

DONNA SINGLE
(NY-P-M3791-K3141-68)
MWM, 40's, 5'9", TV. Interested in tennis, camping, hiking, computers, shopping. "Love lingerie, corsets, passable TV, bi-TV. Would love to meet other TVs for talk, support. Will answer all who write."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-69)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-69)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 39, 5'10", 240, BA. Interested in photography, model railroading, racquetball, cooking. "After lifetime of guilt, am finally coming to grips with the enjoyment of having a feminine part of my existence. Love to correspond with anyone to share experiences and friendship. By being

happy with myself, I've grown, and hope to continue with the help of others."

LOREN C.
(NY-P-M3826-K0236-68)
MWM, new at crossdressing. "Love dressing as a woman, high heels, tight corsets, long nails, leather things, feeling sexy. Want to explore bi feelings. Wife supportive. Interested in some fetich and bondage. Would like to meet passable TV to help me learn more. Answer all who send photo."

ERICA H.
(NY-NP-M3937-K8489-70)
Member Long Island Femme Expression, Contributing editor for Connecticut Outreach News, Renaissance News, LIFELINES. Transgendered, pretty, passable, numerous public outings, upscale restaurants, nightclubs & beauty contests, polo and tennis matches, world-class shopper, single. Welcomes correspondence including newcomers coast-to-coast. "Life is worth living—get on with it!"

CAROL M.
(NY-P-M3982-K1297-70)
TV, 43, 5'11". Interested in skiing, sailing, outdoor sports, travel, Broadway plays. "Looking to expand my TV identity. Will travel and correspond to others with same interest. Please send letter with photo."

DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-P-M4085-K7847-74)
"Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. 32. Strong TS tendencies, enjoy my feminine side. Dress up as often as possible. CD since age 4. Love to travel, take in a ball game, read a good novel and strive for total feminization. Want to make friendships within the TV/TS community."

JULIE MILES
(NY-P-M4131-K8924-70)
SWM, 24, 6', 150. "I enjoy reading all forms of literature, especially those about TV/TSs. I love sports and music. Very interested in shopping, passing, and all things feminine. I love to correspond and exchange photos. I try to answer all as quickly as possible. Buffalo area."

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-NP-M4141-K8935-71)
Born 5/25/43. Married, two daughters. Teacher of math and computers for 28 years. "Have secretly dressed around the house since preteen, but only since joining Tri-Ess have I ventured out in daylight. I work around the house: gardening, repairs, construction. The computer is my hobby. Will write back to anyone who writes."

TINA A.
(NY-P-M4215-K7354-71)
Member TGIC. Attended Provincetown Outing '93. 52, 5'3", 145, white hair, blue eyes. Divorced TV living in both genders. Performing folk/jazz musician, writer, cartoonist, motorcyclist in both genders. "Caring about people, including yourself, is what it's all about. The rest is props and stage setting. Will answer all sincere letters."

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-68)
S hetero, 40s, 5'7", 170. "Seeking female or TS friends who are sure of themselves to assist me in becoming a new woman. I am quite unsure of myself. Like to travel. Not into sex, only femininity and fun."

ELAINE DAVIS
(NY-M4304-K2947-68)
6'2", 180, SWM, 46. Interested in cooking, photography, flying, motorcycles. "Hetero CD for 15 years. Attracted to and like to hear from CD/TV/TS, genetic women. Not out of closet. Let's talk girl talk, especially lingerie, hose, heels and makeup."

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-70)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. MWM, 6'2", 41, hetero CD. "I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive."

NICOLE DANEÉ A.
(APO-M4402-K8900-68)
MBM hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 40, 12. Interested in audio, video, sports cars, high fashion clothing. "Married to non-supportive wife. Not able to express my feminine side due to job requirements. Like to write other CDs to gain insight into my feminine feelings. Advice on clothing, makeup and poise for the taller woman sought."

VIRGINIA PETERS
(NY-P-M4422-K9659-68)
"Love the total femme look. 50 plus, SWM, 5'9", 14-16. Am becoming more comfortable with my new self and am starting to venture out. Would love to find a GG to enjoy and share both parts of my life with. Please enclose picture when you write. My response will be quick."

CAROL LEE
(NY-P-M4457-K4432-68)
SBM, mid40s, 5'10", 162. Interested in movies, shopping, board games, dining out. "Would like to meet other CD/TSs, passable in NY, NJ or CT, or understanding woman who enjoys the above. Prefer articulate, intelligent individuals."

ALEXIS B. YOUNG
(NY-P-M4466-K9156-69)
Member LIFE. Early 40s, S, 5'10", 135, brown hair, hazel eyes, with feminine figure. Interested in music, movies, electronics, dining, nightlife, walks, and bicycling. "Would like to correspond and meet with serious TV/TSs for girl talk and possible long-term friendships in local areas of New York City and Long Island."

JACKIE B.
(W-NY-P-M4501-K9737-69)
Member Nu Phi Chi. 6'0", 42, blue-eyed blonde, long legs. "Like soft music, fishing, being my femme self. Educated, life-long TV. Would like corresponding with others with the same interests. Love dressing up on the wild side. Exchange photos and experiences. Seeking TV/TS in my area. Please send photo."

ASHLEAH P.
(NY-NP-M4638-K10232-70)
SWM, 25, new TV/TG feelings, not passable, but trying! "Looking to meet new passable TV/TG/TS & GGs. Made first appearance on my 25th birthday. Have been emerging more and more each day! Like to meet others to help me pass. Into computers, BBSs, flying, and being feminine. Please send photo with letter."

MICHELLE D'SATIN
(NY-NP-M4649-K2352-70)
5'6", 135, green eyes, TS, on hormones and electrolysis. Interested in movies, music, dancing, fashion, makeup, modeling, photography, architecture and design, and woodworking. "Seeking kindred spirits—TVs, TSs, and women—for correspondence, conversation, shopping, dining, friendship and mutual support. Love rainy days by the fire, glass of wine, spring flowers and fall colors."

SUSAN PARKER
(NY-NP-M4706-K10407-70)
Member EON. Syracuse, 43, 5'8", 160, brown eyes. Married, yet very bi. "Have attended various conventions and conferences on crossdressing. Enjoy crossdressing, shopping, theatre, late night dinners, partying and dancing. Would like to correspond with similar interests. Discretion is guaranteed."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

DAVIDA T. (E PA-M0944-K0692-68)
SWM, 43, shy and discreet. "Enjoy meeting other mature friends for dinner dates and quiet evenings to share my femininity. Thank you to those who have helped me out of the closet."

VERONICA MARTIN (PA-M2482-K3564-70)
SWM hetero CD. "Enjoy dressing in full petticoats and square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter."

ROBIN FREY
(E PA-P-M0932-K0729-71)
Member Renaissance. Pre-op TS on hormones 5 years. "Would like to meet and settle down with Mr. Wonderful and become the housewife I long to be. I'm very neat and clean. Need financial help for surgery. Will work off loan. Can relocate. Love sun-bathing, boating, hiking and cuddling."

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-70)
Founding member Renaissance Education Association, past National Managing Director and now Director-at-Large, Chairperson of the Congress of Transgender Organizations, Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '92, FanFair Miss Congeniality '86, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Site Selection Chair. Conduct voice and other workshops, wrote *Speaking as a Woman*.

REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-68)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

MARYANN KIRKLAND
(E PA-P-M1531-K0450-70)
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

HARRIETT N.
(PA-P-M1623-K0668-70)
Member TransPitt. "Recently reached Big 50! May try gray wigs soon. 6'1", 14T. Hope to own Tall Girl Shop someday. Enjoy out of town meetings for shopping and fun. Like to pass, but also enjoy erotic and exotic clothes and TV tales. Collecting books and will trade."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-K1880-71)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant:

'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-69)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

ROBIN F.
(W PA-P-M2020-K2429-69)
SWM, mid-forties, 6', 180. College educated professional. "Enjoy dancing in petticoats and twirling my full skirts. Also like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Fascinated by CD fantasies and would love to explore these with other TV/TSs. There is something very sensual about lingerie, silk and nylons."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-71)
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, and will try to reply to as many as I can."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-71)
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-70)
Member CDI. When in New York City, come and visit CDI and Moonlight in Manhattan. I travel a lot, and would love to come and visit you in LA, SF, Chi, or elsewhere. Drop me a line and let's get together when you feel like party time."

KATHY STONE
(PA-P-M3345-K6619-70)
MWM, early 40s, 5'10", 12, blue eyes. Enjoy shopping, dancing and listening, current events, sports, and fashions. "I travel extensively and would like to meet sisters and older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady for nights out, dating, or simply talking and friendship. Please send photo for prompt reply."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-NP-M3383-K6784-70)
"I'm Rikki, a fun-loving TV. Adore sexy, silky, lacy underthings. Searching for those feminine inner feelings. Impassioned by posing for photos and video sessions. Totally into modeling, which I'd love to share with others. Drop me a line and ask for some photos, I'd be glad to oblige."

ANONYMOUS F.
(PA-M3587-K7565-68)
"Tall, non-practicing TV, very much interested in all related activities wishes to correspond and meet, escort, photograph, be friend to all who wish to expand their feminine horizons. Will answer all."

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-70)
Single, retired, hetero CD. "Now have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining organization and attending social functions. Would ike to find a female to enjoy best of both worlds."

SUZANNE L.
(E PA-P-M3736-K8202-69)
SWM, 5'10", 195, 52, hetero TV. Member Renaissance. Attends meetings. Nonsmoker. Loves nice dresses and heels. "Like to go malling and to the movies. Willing to support others who want to come out of the closet, day trips, etc."

MICHELLE POOLE
(PA-NP-M3813-K3861-69)
Passable SW TV, 35, 6'1", blonde. Loves everything about being female! Interested in high heels, makeup, leather and lace, photography and posing for the camera. "Love to hear from TV/TS/GG and men. Please include photo with letter."

LISA MARIE M.
(W PA-M3829-K3485-69)
MWM, mid40s. Wife is supportive. "Enjoy music and all things feminine. A lifelong CD still working to accept myself. I appreciate letters from my sisters offering advice and help. Will answer all who write."

KRISTINE HOLT
(PA-NP-M4013-K7597-70)
Member Erie Sisters. DW pre-op M-F TS, full-time and legal. Writer, speaker, advocate, litigator. Involved with community organizations, local affairs, 12 step groups. "Seeking confidential correspondence and/or meetings with sisters traveling the same road to share the joys of this wondrous journey. Also men in NW PA."

KIM REDBURN
(PA-NP-M4160-K8945-71)
Member Rochester CD Network. TS, 5'8", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in wildlife painting, nature, photography, collecting antique beer cans. "My wife has known from before we were married. We go out when I am dressed en femme often. Started dressing age 4. Wish to correspond with similarly interested people in northern PA and south NY."

D. McKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-69)
Member TransPitt, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '93. 41, 5'11", 145, 10, very passable CD. Interested in helping

others with femme image and mindset, and public awareness talks. W. Central PA area. "Will escort as male or femme shopping. Real Girls welcome also for meeting, maybe more. Femme photo gets response."

BRENDA L.
(PA-P-M4383-K2500-68)
Member Transpitt. Bi-TV, 47, 5'7", 165, sandy brown hair, blue eyes. "I like going out on the weekends with my TV/TS sisters. Enjoy arts, painting, love to cook, clean and be a housewife. Seeking males for friendship and possible relationship. Will answer all with photo. I'm really looking forward to hearing from you."

PAULA J.
(PA-P-M4433-K9658-69)
Member CDI. SWM, Bi, 5'8", 150, 42. Slim, attractive, passable. "Love all heels, nylons, short skirts. Have been dressing for years. Would like to meet with other TVs and gentlemen in the Allentown area. Will write or phone all who respond."

RACHEL PACE
(PA-P-M4487-K9704-69)
38, 6'3", 18, MWM, professional. "Dressing in private since age 15. Desire to express my feminine side is now overwhelming. Have decided to reach out for the first time. Very interested in hearing from the TV/TS community. Would like to develop sincere friendships for support and understanding. Please respond with photo."

ERICA EDWARDS
(PA-P-M4505-K9143-69)
Member Renaissance LSV. WCD, 42, 6', 175. Interested in history, SF/fantasy, military board games and all things feminine. Pass easily and often out in public. "Would like to correspond/meet fellow CDs. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered who know how to treat a lady."

KAREN K.
(SE-PA-NP-M4593-K9998-70)
Single CD, 6', 175, 16T, not quite out of closet. "Seeking a serious relationship with an attractive, understanding woman, or pre/post-op TS who would support my feminine side. Interests include fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a shemale, glamour, theatre, boating, seductive fashions, makeup, high heels and all that is feminine."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

EMILY SHELDON
(N DE-P-M0629-K0738-68)
Member Renaissance. Mature TV, fiftyish. "Pass easily in public. Attend several TV meetings/events each year."

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-NP-M0931-K0742-70)
Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed Tiffany Club's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married over 45 years to an understanding, beautiful and gracious wife. Self-employed, often dresses in home and office, dines out dressed. Electrolysis completed in '84. Sails, Pilot, Churched. Resides in Southern Del. Letters answered.

LESLIE FAIRMONT
(N DE-P-M2425-K3335-70)
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-70)
Member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I pray that I can be of a help to others."

WASHINGTON, D.C. (200- 205-)

CHRISTINA FERRANTE
(DC-NP-M2906-K4922-70)
SWM, 28, 5'10", 150. Sweet, shy yet sexy, enjoy stockings, bows, soaps and stuffed animals, very passable. "Interested in meeting new friends, writing and exchanging photos and stories."

SHEILA K.
(DC-M3810-K7721-69)
Married TV, 6'0", 48, 170. "Crossdressing all my life, although wife is unsupportive. Well-educated and well traveled. Will answer all who wish to correspond. Fantasy hope is to meet my mirror image, a bi sister interested in a discreet friendship."

KAREN ELIZABETH F.
(DC-M4500-K9734-69)
Slim, pretty, hetero WASP 33, TV/TS attorney, feminist. Interested in women's rights and politics. "Been crossdressing since childhood. I am female on the inside and love to dress accordingly. Would love to hear from other area *gender dysphorics* and possibly meet."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-70)
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."

NANCY ANN B.
(MD-P-M2046-K2444-69)
Member Delta Chi (DCEA), WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92. 5'9", brown hair and eyes. Interested in crossdressing since age 10, bowling, softball, table tennis, and volunteer work. "My life has changed sine coming out and joining support groups and subscribing to magazines like *Tapestry* and the *Femme Mirror*."

MARY NEWMAN
(DC-M2226-K2671-70)
Member of TransPitt, TGEA. DWM, 47, 6', 180, TG living full time. Interests include reading, music, hiking, archery, fishing, shopping, personal growth. "Live with a very supportive SO. Would like to correspond with others with like interests, make friends in the Baltimore/DC area."

DIANNE FERN
(MD-NP-M2229-K2673-69)
Member of Couples. "A mature TV with great interest in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife is very supportive. Enjoy jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress often. Wish to share gender euphoria with sisters and others who have an interest in our lifestyle."

DEE DEE HENSELL
(MD-P-M2329-K3026-69)
Member Kappa Beta. Divorced CD, 49, looking for woman who would like role-reversal in a relationship. I'd like to keep house and make a home for that special girl. Want to learn how to sew, and go to cosmetology school. Now living and working as a domestic. Like to meet and correspond with others."

JULIA CYBELE
(C MD-NP-M2739-K4337-68)
Attended NWC-3. "I am a loving woman; spiritual, cultured and philosophical. INFP personality; I adore the beauty of sunsets, starry nights, my dear friends, classical music, and oriental teas."

S. G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-69)
"At age 44 I have been a lifelong TV 'transgender fetishist.' Have an extensive library which I have maintained for 28 years—TV/TS material. Married with an understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!"

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(MD-P-M3142-K4212-70)
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out among my sisters, and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady sorrespondent."

LARISA (LARA) B.
(MD-M3911-K8376-69)
41, 6', 170, M2F ambisexual (TG), struggling towards androgyny, surgeon on sabbatical, religious Jewish upbringing. Interested in travel, investing, gardening, self-growth. Divorced. Two lovely children now in Israel. "Partially out, would like to learn to pass. Understanding and accepting myself deepens my appreciation of others."

LEANNE THOMAS
(MD-P-M4493-K9708-69)
CD, 37, 5'8", 150, professional pianist/composer. "Slowly emerging from the closet. Wish to correspond with and meet other educated, imaginative TVs for sharing our femininity. I' m empathetic, articulate, creative, and give of myself. Love to dress. Wish to pass and socialize. Will respond to all good letters with photo."

RACHEL WILLIAMS
(MD-M4544-K9775-69)
DWTS, 6', 165, 36. Attractive, well built and passable. Presently incarcerated. Non-violent victim of circumstance. A Lady, very caring, feminine and sensitive. Working on BA, U Md. Release in '96, at which time I start transition, SRS. Seeks genetic males for correspondence who are friendship/relationship minded. Will answer all letters."

KAREN ALEXANDRIA
(MD-NP-M4645-K10254-70)
TS, 25, 5'10", 170. "Love to read, write, collect comic books, and cooking. Very passable. Looking for other sisters to start going out with. Willing to travel. Wish to share fantasies with all my sisters, especially those my own age. Still in the closet. Start hormones in August. Your letter and photo will get mine."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-70)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

JAYNE MACK
(VA-P-M1206-K0748-68)
Member TransGender E. A. DWM, mid-50s, 5'8", 160, blue eyes. "Writer who loves dressing up, jazz and meeting new friends. Looking for sister, genetic woman or those who appreciate our sisterhood to help me become as feminine as possible."

DEBBIE LYNNE OGLE
(C VA-M2095-K2493-68)
Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Interested in computers, sci-fi music. "Things have really opened up for me since my surgery, and just keep getting better!"

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-69)
Member Virginia's Secret. 39, 6', 185, green eyes. Interested in photography, shopping, sharing stories, exchanging photos. "I'm friendly but shy at first. I try to be a good correspondent—not always successfully. Am getting out more as I grow in confidence. Always delighted to meet other CDs."

KEMBERLY C.
(N VA-NP-M2300-K2981-70)
Divorced, 5'11", lifelong crossdresser. "Dressed in secret for more than 30 years. Been out of the closet 8. Love my life. Can laugh at myself. Love to make contact

with other Tvs. Enjoy shopping and being supportive of my sisters trying to come out of the closet."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-P-M2460-K3426-69)
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

SAMANTHA W.
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-71)
Member Virginia's Secret, DCEA. MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife of fifty years not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."

LAINE R.
(VA-P-M3559-K7489-68)
"If you're interested in meeting a very sexy TV who looks great in skin-tight black micro skirts, I'd love to hear from you. I'm late 30s, sometimes bi, and passable. Whether I'm fully dressed, applying my makeup, or just chatting with other girls, I love exploring my femininity. Supportive girlfriend willing to help."

CHRIS JONES
(VA-P-M3666-K7927-68)
Member DCEA, Virginia's Secret. Married TV, 5'8", 145, 48. "Just starting out of closet after dressing in lonely secrecy for more than 35 years. Starting to feel comfortable with myself after all this time. Love to make contact with other TVs. Like reading, dressing, shopping. Eager to make new friends and share experiences and girl talk."

JESSICA WARREN
(VA-NP-M3673-K7973-68)
Member TGEA, TCNE. Attended Coming Together '93. SWM. 6', hetero, CD, 32. President TGEA. Interested in athletics, reading, computers, & shopping. "I strive to be passable and classy. Am very comfortable with myself. Enjoy meeting and helping other CDs. Good correspondent. Letters from all transgendered people and women welcomed. Photo appreciated."

MIKKI LYNNE D.
(VA-P-M3792-K3263-68)
Hetero, SWM TV, 44, 13/14, 5'9". Professional pilot, real estate investor, non-smoker. Interested in fitness, health, sunrise, fog, star-filled skies, brandy, and ice-cream. "Regularly enjoyed areas of feminine dressing. Though still in closet, have been out dressed alone at night. Have decided to live the experience more fully. Will answer all TV/TSs, women, with polite photo."

ROBIN HOWELL
(VA-P-M4410-K9242-68)
SWM, 6', 135, long brown hair. Interested in history, politics, movies, traveling, and getting out more. "A longtime CD. I would like to correspond, maybe meet with interesting people with good humor. Please send photo if possible. I live as much of my life as possible dressed."

MADELYN I.
(VA-NP-M4581-K9982-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'3", 65, 220. Independent consultant. Travel a great deal. "Love shopping for feminine clothing, crossdressing, bridge and golf. Wife not supportive, desires no knowledge of Madelyn. Seeking other CDs for correspondence, possible meetings. Will answer all correspondence immediately with pictures."

DIANE VAN HORNE
(VA-NP-M4730-K10459-70)
D, 33, 6'0", 160. "Want to meet discreet M/F/TGs for support and friendship. been exploring this aspect of my life for six months, have much to learn. Besides feminine interests, my hobbies include sports of all kinds, Broadway musicals, computer games, and playing cards. I'd like to form a pinochle/bridge club."

JOANNE HIGGINS
(VA-M3498-K4443-69)
Member AEGIS, TGEA. Overweight, 5'10", M, 39, with strong TS feelings. "In therapy (a positive situation for a change) and recently started electrolysis. Formerly known as Michelle Hansen. Married to a loving but unsupportive lady. Interests include lesbian and feminist issues, Tom Clancy novels, chess, hypnosis and travel."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH
(WV-M0640-K0809-68)
Member Crossroads. MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

DEE H.
(WV-M2329-K3026-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 46, hetero, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interested in all things feminine, a better look, fishing, canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me. Need help in makeup. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities appreciated."

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-NP-M2435-K3374-70)
Married CD with highly supportive spouse. "We both enjoy being out in the community and have attended Be All and Paradise in the Poconos. Have recently started vacationing en femme and coming out to select straight friends. I am an avid sewer and cartoonist, and love to correspond."

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6841-71)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. "5'7", 40, brown hair, brown eyes, great sense of humor. Have understanding wife who helps me. I've been a TV all my life and I love passing in public. Would like to find more TV/TSs in my area."

ALICE JACKSON
(WV-P-M3876-K4442-69)
Member Trans WV. 60 years young. Active TG with supportive wife and daughter. "Love all aspects of femme life. Active impersonator in local clubs. Love to hear from all with similar lifestyles. Visitors welcome. Please write."

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

FRANCES T.
(NC-NP-M1245-K0823-70)
Member TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines and dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."

SUSAN WILLIAMS
(NC-P-M2363-K3079-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 165, M hetero CD, 30. Interested in history, movies, dressing up, reading. "Very understanding wife. Have been out many times, but need more work passing. Hoping to get more involved with Tri-Ess."

STEPHANIE DULA
(NC-P-M2519-K3660-71)
Member TGA. 5'9", 22, TG. Interested in art, music, walking, outreach to others in our community. "Just enjoy being me. I am happily engaged to a wonderful, loving lady. Would like to hear from other couples in the Central NC area."

JACKIE J.
(NC-NP-M4048-K8273-70)
SWMCD, 40ish, 5'9", 165. "Lucky to have the gift of experiencing the best of both worlds. Thoroughly and equally enjoy the persona of Jackie and of her male counterpart. SO doesn't know. Interests are varied(*.*) Live in small town. In closet, but out SOON. Slow on corresponding, but will write and send picture."

JENNIFER GOODNIGHT
(NC-P-M3640-K7825-68)
Attended Southern Comfort '91, Dressing for Pleasure '91. Buxomly built gal, 38, 5'9", 43-32-42. Looking for understanding friends that want to meet and go out on the town. Interested in music, travel, intimate times. "Can travel. Enjoy all aspects of helping others in our transgendered world."

DEBBIE N.
(NC-P-M3497-K7213-71)
Dual-gendered, sober, vegetarian 38 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "My whole self is in metamorphosis toward its original nature. Correspondence with the gender community is dearly cherished."

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-P-M4235-K9428-68)
Lifelong CD. "Love to exchange letters and photos! Enjoy going out and cherish time as Pamela, but know the real satisfaction is in helping others. Love to look at the humorous side of the transgendered community, and proud to be a part of it. Write soon! Eager to make new friends."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

BOBBIE ANN B.
(SC-M2874-K4857-68)
DWM. hetero, CD, 36, 6'1". "Love dressing in hose, heels and lingerie. Dressing since age 8. Making progress, but still need help. Must be careful due to home situation. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and GG and maybe meet. Love girl talk."

GARY H.
(SC-M4715-K9468-70)
Southern, white male gentleman, 27, 160. "Desire a relationship with a sincere TS. Age unimportant. Photo appreciated. I will reply to all who write. Serious replies only."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

MICHELLE KELLY
(GA-P-M3054-K5640-69)
Member of Beta Chi, GCTC, Tri Delta Chi, and Tri-Ess. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, Fantasy Adventure Weekend, IFGE '92. 41, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, 170. Interests, computers, anything feminine. "Want to make friends with others. Travel south MS/LA. Work weekends. Off Tues.-Thurs. Answer all."

RACHEL W.
(GA-NP-M3251-K6404-71)
MWM. "Starting therapy for TS. Have a very supportive wife who wants me to be Rachel always. Would love to hear from all TS women."

KEVIN
(GA-M3446-K7099-68)
"Letter writing is an untapped potential of expression. Then you add crossdressing and there's artistic playfulness and experimentation in ways beyond any magazine form can produce. Does anyone reading this know what 'mail art' means, or collaborative 'artist books'? Unstructured minds write!"

DIANA AUSTIN
(GA-P-M3283-K6478-70)
Attended Texas T Party, Be All. WMM,

35, 5'9", 155, brown eyes/hair. Interested in having fun as Diana, music, dancing, lingerie, fine wine, movies. "Would love to meet/correspond with people who are positive and happy with life. Enjoy going out to the malls, dinner, dancing. Will try and answer all. SASE would help."

ANNIE LYNN
(GA-NP-M3298-K6557-70)
Tall, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends. Travel the southeast. Would very much like to meet others who share my interests. Would like to meet new friends."

JAMIE LEE GREGORY
(GA-P-M3688-K8001-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, CTA. CD, SWM, 5'10", 136, 44, 12. Interested in movies, music. Enjoy everything feminine. Attended Southern Comfort '92, '93. "Learning more about myself and exploring the limits of my comfort. Would like to hear from others. Will respond."

KATHERINE ADAMS
(GA-M3737-8201-69)
MWM, 33, hetero, CD. "Wife doesn't know of my second half, and would not understand. Seeking correspondence, advice, discreet friendship. Wide-ranging interests: art, cinema, music, psychology. Love to dress in elegant corset and foundations, sexy dress, and role-play. Favorite mags: *Tapestry*, *FAD*, *Skin-Two*, and *CNL*."

JENNIFER EVANS
(GA-M3783-K3790-68)
Member of Tri-Ess. 6'6" short, blue eyes, slim build. Attractive CD. Have never appeared in public. Interested in diving, theatre, personal finance, channeling and spirituality. College educated professional working on Master's degree. "Love to express my feminine side. Feel free to write, especially understanding ladies."

CASSANDRA LAUREN BEARD
(GA-P-M3849-K2147-69)
Fun-loving, feminine, flirtatious, bi-SW TS, 28, nonsmoker, 5'7", 170, dark brown hair and eyes. Professional interior designer. "Adore shopping, cultural events, living in Atlanta experiencing life as a woman (as often as possible). Eager to begin transition process. Looking for advice and support from pre- and post-ops, TVs, understanding women."

CASSANDRA MONROE
(GA-M4061-K8792-70)
6'4", 270, brown hair, eyes. Interested in CD, stamps, collecting recipes. "Would like to reestablish contact with former correspondents. Lost all addresses, etc. in accident 8/10/92. I am a quadriplegic due to the accident, but am learning to use a computer for correspondence. Will attempt to answer any letters sent."

STEPHANIE SIMMONS
(GA-M4220-K7323-68)
Hetero MCD, late 40s. Interested in music, gardening, theater, jogging, shopping. "Love dressing in pretty feminine attire with makeup, heels, wig. Am finally coming to accept myself, but very shy about coming out. Appreciate your thoughts and ideas as I take this first step out."

DONNA K.
(GA-P-M4479-K9689-69)
6'1", 195. "I've been dressing only a short period of time. Recently came out with very positive response. Want to make friends with CDs, hetero or bi for correspondence/photo exchange and social relationship. A caring, sensitive person looking for same. Enjoy sports, seashore, mountains, reading and shopping."

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

ROSALIND HART
(FL-M0768-K1479-69)
Member of Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Be All meetings. MWM hetero TV, 65, 5'6", 165. Interested in computers, amateur radio, feminine clothes, space travel. "Supportive wife. Three children. Am degreed professional. Would like to meet or correspond with other couples. Frequent visitor to malls and restaurants with wife. Pass with hormones and electrolysis."

VANESSA S.
(FL-M1178-K0919-68)
Member, Tri-Ess. 50, 5'7", 150. Interested in writing and reading TV fiction, history, all feminine pursuits, avid collector of photos, articles, books, and videos on crossdressing. "Lifelong CD. Published author of TV fiction. Writing of letters is constrained by my business and family responsibilities. Have a passion for hosiery and heels. Seek to meet like-minded sisters."

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda. Attended Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Late-30's, married with two children. "Active on Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline. Would like to start a group in north Florida/South Carolina. Have gone to Atlanta, but 5+ hours is a long drive. Love to hear from other sisters."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-69)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

AUSTINE B.
(FL-M1086-K0910-68)
DWM CD, TS inclinations. 53, 5'8", 150, sensitive, gentle, and caring. "In and out of closet since childhood. Many interests including music and ballet. Anxious to build a support group in the Palm Beaches. Will send photo to serious correspondents. A friend of Bill W."

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-71)
Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

CYNTHIA SILVA
(FL-P-M1848-K2081-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Paradise in the Poconos '90, Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Single, 64, 5'9". "Enjoy dressing, model HO scale RR, personal computing, some photography, easy listening music. Will try to answer all letters ASAP."

CHARLENE FIRESTINE
(FL-P-M1934-K2223-68)
Member of Serenity. DWM, 5'7". Interested in anything female. "Love to get together with other sisters and share ideas and dreams. Enjoy renting movies, listening to the golden oldies on the radio. Love to go out to clubs for a nice time on the town. Wish to hear from sisters all over the country."

JACQUELYN NOWLING
(FL-M2063-K2459-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

JODY N.
(FL-P-M2968-K5101-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre- and post-op. Photo , if possible. Peace."

CATHY R.
(FL-P-M3007-K5262-69)
SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

DEBORAH BANDO
(FL-P-M3014-K5202-68)
38-27-37, 6', 148, auburn-haired Italian. Interested in swimming, movies, sewing, bicycle riding, sightseeing, museums (natural sciences, aviation). "Would love very much to write and come to know others as myself, in my area and out of state. Have been on hormones for two years, now."

DENISE PAUL
(FL-P-M3334-K6615-71)
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse. Interested in computers, travel, and communicating with other sincere and discreet people. "Have enjoyed crossdressing since the age of 8. We would like to hear from others who share our lifestyle. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTCB91A or by mail."

CINDY G.
(FL-P-M3522-K4011-68)
New girl in S. Fla. Young, 5'6", passable. "Looking for safe, discreet fun and friends for dancing, dining and dates. Please write with SASE and photos."

STEPHANIE CARIN MICHAELS
(FL-P-M3753-K8207-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, 39, 5'6", 145. Interested in aviation, ballroom dancing (long, elegant gowns), and studying feminine characteristics. "Seeking a CD girlfriend in my area to go out on the town with. Love sharing my thoughts and feelings as a crossdresser."

ANNA BLAKE
(FL-M2418-K3340-68)
Friendly non-op TS, 40. Lives with understanding wife. "I've learned to accept who I am and enjoy hearing from other TSs who have accepted the path they are on. Received much support from community, primarily gender-oriented BBSs."

NORMA SUE "SUSIE"
(FL-NP-M3794-K0407-69)
5'8", 180. "Pre-op TS who loves romantic evenings, country music, corresponding with others, and all things feminine. Currently separated from non-supportive spouse. Enjoy shopping and dining out. Will answer all who write. Photo gets mine in return. Would love to meet others from the Tampa area."

KAREN R.
(FL-P-M4018-K8675-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu, Tri-Ess BBS. Married, 45. Interested in computers and BBSing. Presently experiencing a new lease on life with acceptance of Karen by myself and my wife. Have always loved shoes, heels, hose, and would like to open a shoe store. Enjoy everything feminine, and will answer all."

SISSY K.
(FL-M3926-K8439-71)
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Would love to share interactive fantasies."

VICKY S.
(FL-M4639-K10237-75)
WM CD, 35. "Would like to hear from others in the Bahamas, and anywhere else. Will answer all. Wife and children very supportive and encouraging."

DENISE B.
(FL-P-M4035-K8736-70)
Married, hetero CD, 38, 5'10", 155. Attended '93 Be All. "Working on telling wife. Dress about twice a month. Member of local support group and frequent accepting gay bars. Have been shopping in the malls once and was in heaven! Would like to start local club/lounge for TV/TSs. Let's write and exchange ideas."

PATRICIA GREENE
(FL-M4256-K9546-71)
"I thank God daily for my blessings: wife, daughter, friends accept me crossdressed, even encouraged to do so at home. I never would have believed that it could happen to me, but it did. Take heart, it could happen to you!"

ANNE B.
(FL-M4318-K8240-68)
MWM, 6', 160, CD, 42. "Still in the closet. Love to read about CD in books and magazines. Not interested in meeting anyone in person, but will correspond. Try to spend free time dressed to some degree or other. Have dressed in female clothes for as long as I can remember, usually while alone. Love shopping and trading CD books, etc."

SARA JANE H.
(FL-M4438-K6112-68)
Pre-op M-F TS. "Just moved from Australia. Seek witty, sensitive female for relationship. Australian citizen, US born. Attractive, on hormones. Enjoy total feminine lifestyle. College degree. 44. Enjoy forced feminization by female. Love furs, nylon, velvets. Enjoy genuine TS/TS friends. Just love being around a female."

TRACY SIMMONS
(FL-M4584-K9984-69)
Attended '92 Texas T Party. STV, 6'0", 36. Interested in cooking, sewing, home computer, music. "Would like to correspond with others, make new friends. Enjoy dressing up with others, sharing tips. Would like to meet supportive woman who would help with clothes, cooking, etc."

ZOT SZURGOT
(FL-M4653-K10264-70)
Member Q-moon, League of Big-Footed Women. Progressive SWM Winkte TV,

34, solar electrician. Do canoeing, woodswalking, cooking, reading, earth-centered spirituality, travel, sustainable culture, peacemaking, dancing. "Working on one honest, integrated self capable of serving myself, friends, family, community, the biosphere and the numinous. Love to laugh, and you can, too."

PAMELA ANN B.
(FL-NP-M4695-K10384-70)
DWM, 50s. "Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past front door. Passable, maybe. Second opinion welcome as well as support. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as often as possible. Photo and phone appreciated. Will answer all."

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG
(AL-M1478-K0934-69)
Member Tri-Ess. "Would welcome letters. Will answer quickly. Curious about other TV fantasies, clothes, etc. Am still in the closet."

MARY JANE WALKER
(N AL-P-M2105-K2508-68)
Member Tri-Ess. A young 65 years old, 5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from, meet others in the N. AL or GA area. Will answer all."

RENÉE PHILLIPS
(AL-M2535-K3705-70)
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-68)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, '93. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel at will.

CELESTE RICHARDS
(AL-M3197-K6191-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "CDing is the portal and liberation of my inner self. Was not complete until I lea
rned to be the woman inside. 'To empower others is an act of compassion. To empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

LISA J.
(AL-M4515-K0754-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Rho Gamma. BM, married, TV, 38, 6'1", 185. Interested in dressing up. "Am a caring sister who will correspond with other sisters to exchange ideas and tips. I have passed in public and had fun. It may take awhile to get a reply, but I will write back. Your picture gets mine."

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

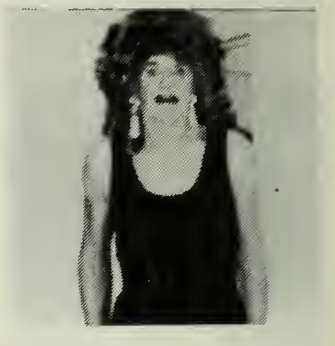
RITA HEFELFINGER
(TN-P-M2860-K4818-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, hetero TV, 47, 5'6", 135. "Just married to a wonderfully supportive wife who helps with my dressing. Love to shave my entire body and go anywhere while dressed. We would like to hear from other CDs and couples who would like to meet for socializing and intelligent conversation. Promise a prompt reply."

LORRIE RENAE T.
(TN-NP-M4655-K7766-70)
5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair most of time, 22, hetero CD. Single and very much in closet. "Would like to meet an understanding female for possible relationship. Would also like to meet other hetero CDs for help in promoting feminine self."

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."

KAREN SCOTT
(MS-P-M3472-K7184-68)
Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinery, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures."



JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-70)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

LYNNE B.
(KY-M1992-K2494-68)
Interested in corresponding with a TV/TS.

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

OHIO (434- 457-)

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 70+, 5'9", 180. "Still in closet, but hurting. Nonsupportive spouse.

Love dressing, but live in small town with limited opportunity. TS-oriented. Some hormones. Christian. Enjoy writing, fishing, femme fashions, music, reading. Want to meet other CD/TV/TS, but scared."

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(SOH-P-M0954-K1005-69)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

LYNN SHERMAN
(OH-NP-M1244-K0988-70)
"Looking to meet nice people in the Northeast Ohio area, including other TVs, TSs, men, women and couples who enjoy ultra-femininity."

KIMBERLY DENISE GRAY
(SW OH-M1628-K0035-70)
"Curious crossdresser awaits correspondence with GG/TS/TV to help with new feminine behavior. All help appreciated. Love lingerie, sexy looks, and intelligent conversation. Try to answer all who write."

MARY R.
(OH-M1731-K1875-69)
Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total rôle reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-71)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(NOH-P-M2053-K2450-68)
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Completely discreet."

LISA HART
(OH-NP-M2591-K3760-69)
Member Paradise Club. MWM hetero CD, 36, 5'10", 155. "Into country living, beagle hounds, being Lisa and everything feminine. Very understanding wife. Have been out shopping and to dinner a few times, but still learning to relax. Seeking CD girlfriend in my area for girl talk and trips out. NW OH."

MARJORIE MILLER
(OH-P-M2710-K4355-68)
Member of Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 170, 47. Interested in photography, working on cars. "I answer all letters received. Picture for picture. Meeting is a possibility. Been crossdressing since a child. Go out dressed occasionally driving around in my car."

JENNY WILLIAMS
(NE OH-M2714-K4357-68)
SW TV, 30, 6', 180, natural long brown hair, strong attraction to other TVs, looking for friendship and possibly more. Let's stumble through the confusion, joys and sorrows together. I'm a good shoulder to cry on. I'll need one, too! Let's be sisters. I love long hair."

MARJORIE MILLER
(NE OH-M2719-K4382-68)
Member Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 165. Interested in photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."

JENNY R.
(OH-M3118-K5657-70)
6', SWM, 135, CD, 33. Interested in long walks and crossdressing. "Like to meet/correspond with other hetero CD/TV/GGs for talks, improving femme side."

JOAN B.
(OH-P-M3224-K6235-70)
Attended Spouthern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

KATHERINE H.
(OH-M1994-K2073-71)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."

THERESA RICHARDS
(OH-NP-M3244-K6409-71)
Member Paradise Club. "I am making great strides in our community, having been elected president of my support group in only two years. Willing to help out any and all who wish to write with questions, or just to be friends."

CINDY TRAUM
(OH-P-M3589-K7569-71)
Member Crystal Club, Crossport. 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, Vietnam Veteran, college education, professional. "Lifelong CD. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, theater and traveling. Have attended several conventions. Enjoy going places en femme."

ROXANNE L.
(OH-M3755-K7391-69)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-NP-M3931-K8465-70)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All. TV, 160, 16, redhead, married, 6'. Interested in dancing, shopping, conversation, sewing, cosmetology, and passing. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Like being well dressed. Pass well except for height. Love going to exciting nightspots en femme. Learning hairstyling, sewing, and performance (lip sync). Will answer all and exchange photos."

MARLENE HENKE
(OH-M4187-K6487-71)
Member Crystal Club. MWM, 40, 6'4", CD. Interested in computers and traveling. "Wife understands and we are dealing with my crossdressing together. Just coming out of the closet, but not out the door yet. Would like to correspond with other retired military persons."

PAULA HARMSTON
(OH-M4337-K6968-68)
Member Tri-Ess. 6', 170, brown eyes and hair, 44, professional, married, hetero. Interested in old movies, music. "Travel frequently on business. Enjoy meeting sisters from around the country. Enjoy shopping, restaurants, etc."

CHERYL DAVIS
(OH-M4477-K9069-68)
Member Paradise Club. MWM, 6'0", 230, 41, blue eyes, hetero CD. Interested in writing, ancient civilizations, oldies music, radio, nostalgia, theater, conversation, and nature. "Have loving and supportive wife. Enjoy dressing up and being feminine. Will reply to all sincere letters."

SHERRI LEE
(OH-NP-M4612-K8185-70)
DWM hetero CD, 6', 200, 47, blue-eyed blonde. Recently divorced. "Have been dressing since early teens, but have not been able to express myself until recently. Love all things feminine. Want to meet others in Northeast Ohio to talk and share experiences and help one another achieve our feminine goals."

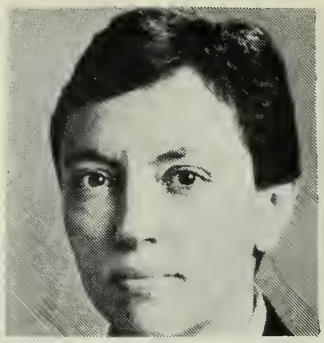
JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-M3955-K8523-69)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

INDIANA (463- 479-)

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-69)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenne self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."

VERONICA MAE S.
(IN-M1712-K1886-70)
"Wanted: one sweet, caring romantic, understanding man to be my boyfriend! Looks, age don't matter. Your hugs, kisses, sweet words do. I'm 44 and love being a woman. Lots of hobbies and interests. Love to go out, or spend the evening at home. It's up to you. Please write!"



DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

TONI B.
(IN-M3833-K6855-69)
Hetero, married CD. "Not looking to go public, just looking to meet another CD in northern Indiana area. Just to dress privately."

LAURA A. SIMS
(IN-P-M3956-K6882-70)
Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess; IXE. New CD. MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort, '93, and learned much about myself. Wife supportive, but not involved. Will answer all letters and share photographs."

BARBARA DAHL
(IN-P-M4056-K8779-71)
Member Tennessee Vals. Single TV, tall and slender. "Enjoy going out dressed to clubs in Nashville, TN. Occasionally perform as a female impersonator. Enjoy interesting people, fashion and music. Please include photo. Try to answer all."

RANDI E.
(IN-P-M4080-K8767-70)
Hetero married CD, 44. "My wife is totally disabled, and caring for her limits my time to dress, or do just about anything else. Will try to answer any letter. Love short skirts and high heels."

VICTORIA LEE
(IN-NP-M4112-K6392-70)
MWM, 48, 5'7", hetero TV, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, nature, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. I am trying to come out in spite of living in a small rural town. I will make a better effort at corresponding."

SARAH JEANETTE REASE
(IN-P-M4378-K9643-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society. Attended '93 Chicago Gay Pride Parade. 32 TV, 5'6", 160, single. Interested in animal conservation (wolves), reading SF, trying to improve my feminine side. "Would love to meet any TV/TS in NW Indiana or SW Michigan to talk shop. Would love to meet or correspond with understanding women."

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-68)
Member of CIGA, IXE, Tri-Ess. Post-

50s MWM. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. Interested in writing, editing, music, art, history, cooking, tennis, and bicycling. "Previously repressed CD with one year's active experience and continued ambitions to expand my new self. Willing to help other CDs and to correspond with them."

JANET P.
(IN-M4300-K2571-68)
5'11", married to a supportive wife, 41. "Just accepted who I am. Have been a CD since 8. Like philosophy, history, very femme attire, shopping with my wife for Janet's things, and being outdoors. Have only been out as femme self once. Would like to correspond with hetero CDs."

RACHEL L.
(IN-P-M4549-K9772-70)
"Effeminate and alluring CD, 32. Been going out in public since age 19. Very passable. Profile Girl in *Ladylike* #19. I enjoy the career-girl look; semi-formal look; ultra feminine lingerie. Want to correspond, possibly meet with other pretty TV/TSs and women. Will definitely answer all who send photo."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-71)
Member Crossroads. "Past officer of Crossroads, college lecturer on transvestism. Supportive wife. Hobbies: photography, motorcycling. Attended ten Be All conventions."

LYNN P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-71)
Member Crossroads, IME. "Very feminine She-male desires legitimate employment. Willing to learn and relocate. Also seeking friendship and companionship. I am/you must be drug, alcohol, and smoke free."

JENNIFER ANN NELSON
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-68)
Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

TINA L. PRATT
(MI-NP-M1276-K1112-69)
TG/TS, 38, 5'11", 22W, long blonde hair, electrolysis...passable. "Out for 9 years now, with no regrets! Live in the Upper Peninsula, so there is little in the way of peer support here. Would enjoy hearing from others."

MARSHA K.
(SE MI-P-M2719-K4382-68)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."

JULIE M.
(MI-P-M2936-K5012-68)
MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs and ladies who understand."

CINDY F. DINSER
(MI-M3010-K1075-69)
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

STEPHANIE MICHELE WELLS
(MI-P-M3377-K6718-70)
5'9", mid40's, 140. Self-employed, open-minded and terminally gender confused. Interested in photography, mystery novels, computers, and meaningful conversation. "I enjoy corresponding, although I can be a tad slow in replying. Hope to make a few good friends, gain some insight, and enjoy life a little more."

DEBRA D.
(MI-M3490-K7206-71)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

RONNIE B.
(MI-M3824-K6352-68)
Member Cross Roads, Tri-Ess. MWM, 56. Attended Holiday En Femme '92, Be All '91-'93, Douglas Dunes '91, '92. "Enjoy my feminine side and all things associated with it. We will be relocating to Alabama on our 44' yacht in fall '93. Looking forward to meeting new sisters this winter. Will answer all who write."

DIANE C.
(MI-P-M3740-K8200-69)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professional. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality. Seek correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

JOANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-71)
45, SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and, of course, wearing women's clothes. "I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet males and females who enjoy wearing women's clothes."

EVE V.
(MI-P-M4517-K4013-69)
Member IME. MWM, 38, 6', 155, brown/brown. Interested in pets, SF, fishing, canoeing and backpacking. "CD with strong TG/TS yearnings. Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Looking for supportive, caring friends. Enjoy correspondence/photo exchange, especially with other tall sisters. Can we help each other with our special needs?"

ROBERTA LEIGH
(MI-M4408-K2684-68)
Member Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME. MWM, hetero CD, 5'6½", blonde, hazel, 18 and losing. Interested in CD, outdoor sports, travel, shopping. "Visit all 48 states

and Canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love."

HEATHER SUE P.
(MI-M4465-K9018-68)
Engaged, WMCD, 6'0", 170, 25. Interested in classic rock, comedy movies, classic TV, history, Cubs fan, antique radios, even cartoons. "New girl on the block. Young, spirited college student. Crossdressing allows my mellow and gentler side to come out. Still in closet. Will respond to younger CDs and M-F TSs. with photo."

VICKIE CARSON
(MI-NP-M4599-K10092-70)
Lifelong crossdresser, 41, 5'10", 165. Usually passable. "Would like to meet other people who enjoy this culture. Would also like to date a single/married man. I am coming out of the closet and am now exploring my feminine side. W do not know how far I want to change my gender/sex, but I must find out."

IOWA (500- 528-)

JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-68)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

MARTHA M.
(NE-WI-M1459-K1147-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme. 5'6", 160, 43, married, four kids. Interested in the arts, outdoors, night on the town. "Wife not supportive. Get out a few times a year traveling to Chicago area. Have worked through a lot as Martha. Willing to help others if you drop a note."

PAULA M.
(W WI-M2036-K2273-68)
Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 77, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (51 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-70)
"There's more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this: constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond and be friends, too."

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-70)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

JAMI B.
(WI-P-M3456-K7120-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter, Chicago Gender Society. "Self-acceptance vs. self-doubt. Being open to life means letting go and vulnerability. The time is at hand to be a witness to the intricacy and profound beauty of creation. Devoted parent; faulty spouse; lover. Thankful for it all. Live, risk, write."

KIM GREEN
(WI-M3113-K5687-69)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

BRENDA H.
(WI-P-M3695-K8042-69)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS. MWM, 42, 5'9", 155, trim and fit. "Have made many new friends and enjoyed new experiences over the past year, a period of great personal growth, self-realization, understanding, and acceptance. Spouse is becoming more understanding. Enjoy conversation, and going out en femme to theater, restaurant, night club, and malls."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-69)
S, TG, 5'9", 155, nonsmoker. "Have been crossdressing since age 4. Have recently made some successful public outings. Would like to hear from any other TG/TV/TS, or anyone interested in helping our community and our selves. We must all work together for the acceptance we deserve."

KARA S.
(WI-M3781-K3306-69)
5'13", 215, 30. Single, Native American TV. Interested in philosophy, cooking, long walks, music, meaningful conversation. "Believe in striving for balance in life: left-brain right-brain development, the male and the female within, concern for oneself and for one's community. My feminine side is more visible on the inside, but it's there. First peak out of the closet. Write if you have something to say."

ANA MA RICHARDSON
(WI-P-M3938-K8485-69)
"That's me. I', a writer, dancer, single parent, a lonesome thing. Looking for kindred souls in Wisconsin, or elsewhere. I travel frequently and love FI shows, jazz, baseball. No propositions, please. I'm in a rewarding relationship with a genetic female lesbian."

ADRIENNE S. LEE
(WI-P-M4276-K8299-71)
WM, separated, older, 5'7", 150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. In winter, I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

GINA J.
(WI-NP-M4632-K10214-70)
"Slowly coming out and discovering more about my femme self. 6'2", 165 (12), marriage-minded TV with TS dreams. Enjoy volley ball, history, volunteering, building, cooking, and warm romantic tropical breezes. Would love to meet other sisters for friendship, mutual support, and adventures!"

LAURA B.
(WI-M4513-K5814-69)
WM CD, 165, 5'6", 41. Interested in boating, flying, music, and snow skiing. "Would like to meet female who can accept what I am, or with other sisters. Have been dressing since age 11. Looking for friendship and support. Love to dress up whenever possible, makeup and all. Discretion assured."

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from similar people."

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-68)
Member CLCC. 5'11", 165, passable, hetero CD. Interested in psych, theology, music (write sing and play several instruments) golf, my femininity, going out, and writing books on crossgender issues. "Happily married to a lovely, supportive wife. Deeply committed to the spiritual ethos of love as exemplified in Jesus Christ."

STEPHANIE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-71)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 24W, 42, full-figured bi-CD. "I've been dressing 30 years and love it! Desire small get-togethers with bi-CD and bi-males. Would love to correspond with Minn. CDs. Meet for coffee first? Discretion assured. Photo and phone if possible."

MARY N.
(MN-NP-M1740-K1903-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Be All, Fall Harvest, Spring Fling. MWM, 5'7", 150, blue eyed blonde. "Enjoy travel, water skiing, shopping, and going to restaurants en femme. Have been crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Have come to accept myself for who I am and enjoy it. Live in Twin Cities, but travel often."

WENDY PETERSON
(MN-P-M2193-K2625-69)
Early 30s, 5'10". "I've been out of touch for the last several months. My apologies to all who wrote but didn't get an answer. Interested in a wide variety of things. Enjoy dressing to the fullest with all things feminine. Looking for TC area musicians interested in forming a CD/TV band."

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, CD, 5'9", 12/14, mid-40s. "Married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local group's outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical/psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

SOFRONIA ANNE STRONG
(MN-P-M3843-K4637-69)
Member Tri-Ess, CLCC. Lifelong All-American CD. President of the Tri-Ess chapter in the Twin Cities. "If you live within 100 miles of the Twin Cities, write for chapter info. Come on out and join your sisters for fun and mutual support."

ELLEN D.
(MN-P-M3923-K8443-69)
DWM, CD, 5'11", 175, 14/16. Athletic, creative, a writer into metaphysics (very intuitive), travel frequently. Love to transform M-F. Need help to pass. "Will escort passable TVs in MSP or elsewhere. Would love to meet inderstanding woman or post-op TS for relationship. Will answer all TV/TS/TG who write. Photo, please."

CAROL ANNE L.
(MN-NP-M4675-K6231-70)
MWM, hetero, 45, brown hair, green eyes. 6', 250 (20). Interested in writing fiction, target shooting, photography, travel, high heels, stockings and miniskirts. "Recently decided to stop suppressing an important part of myself. Will correspond with women about clothes and being a woman, as well as with other CDs. Will answer all."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)

NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)

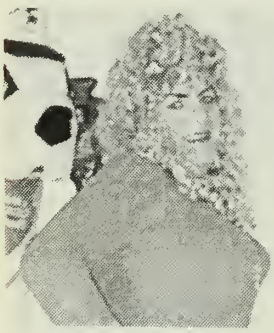
BOBBI SWAN
(ND-P-M3557-K0975-71)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, and loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. We are seeking friends."

LAURIE C.
(ND-NP-M4152-K8923-71)
Geographically isolated CD. Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde. Hetero, very passable, educated, retired professional. "Enjoy gardening, art, music, cooking, boating and sun-bathing. Friendly and sincere. Would really love to correspond with any and all other CD/TSs who enjoy living as their femme selves."

MONTANA (590- 599-)

CAROL PITTS
(MT-M4558-K9858-69)
MWM, 38, 5'10", 175, TG. "In therapy 7 months. It's great getting to know oneself after 30 years of denial. Enjoy going out as Carol. Would like info/tips on makeup, fashion or anything on self growth. I want to thank all who contribute to *Tapestry's* publication. Hoping to make new friends. Will answer all."

COREENE A.
(MT-P-M3496-K7214-68)
"Well, is anyone going to write to me and tell me their secrets—I'll tell you mine. I have lots to talk about. I am now interested in some 2.5 Premarin and some Delestrogen. Where can I get shear X-long nylons?"



JERI C.
(MT-P-M3808-K2030-68)
Member Tri-Ess. "Very understanding and caring older TV. Have been dressing since early childhood. Married. Wife accepts femininity. Would love to correspond with other CD/TVs in the NW area, but will answer all. Especially want to meet with others in Montana to share femininity."

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)

NAOMI O.
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney, author of "Legal Briefs" column in *Tapestry*.

EVE B.
(IL-P-M0523-K1199-71)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.

GLORIA WRIGHT
(IL-P-M0613-K1205-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Tri-Ess. Born 1952, 5'3". 'President of CGS, past officer in Tri-Ess. Too busy to respond to mail now. Hopefully, I can respond to mail at a future time."

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-68)
6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "I am very much a closeted TV, but I am willing to act as an escort/date for a very passable TV/TS."

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-68)
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birthyear 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, nonsmoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

JACKIE V.
(IL-NP-M3009-K5199-73)
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess, CGS. Attended several conventions. Hetero, S, 6', 160. "Would like to meet gals who support our lifestyle. Nondrinker, nonsmoker, no drugs. Love old cars and the outdoors. Self-employed and love to be en femme. Dress daily."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-69)
Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to ideas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples who are comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain and meet in midwest."

MARGO ST. VINCENT
(IL-P-M3384-K6781-68)
Early 30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, lingerie, garter belts, stockings, long nails, and hair. I get into looking slutty. Enjoy meeting dominant GGs or TVs to train me in feminine aspects. Love photography, video sessions. Answer all with photo."

HEDY H.
(IL-P-M3569-K7483-68)
"Courtesan? Rusty-haired, mature very pretty 'in between' is plausible with her lush 41-29-42 figure. I am only 5'7", 140 in my stockings. Rendezvous in KC, Indy, Saint Louis, Chicago, Memphis possible. For big fun, gaiety, RSVP with snapshot, get-acquainted non-form letter."

MARNIE KAPLAN
(IL-M3787-K3815-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago. "Do not get out often. 39, strictly hetero, very involved with my wife and son. Interests i, birdwatching, environmental activities, and weight training. Don't take this the wrong way: I love dressing up, but inside, I always am aware of my male gender."

SUSAN ROBERTS
(IL-M3797-K4725-68)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 160, 45, blonde, brown eyes. Hetero. Married 19 years. Interested in all things feminine, music, especially classic guitar, cycling and woodworking. "Longtime CD, but relatively new, coming out of my closet. I think I am passable, but not sure."

BARBARA ANN ROBERTS
(IL-NP-M3816-K6257-69)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 175, 49, educated professional, TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-71)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 155, MWM professional who also teaches, lectures, consults, etc. "Dressed in secret for 20 years going out some, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in '92 and have grown through its activities and new friends there. Pass well. Shop, dine, etc., as Diane with confidence. Sorry, not much of a correspondent."

MELISSA REED
(IL-NP-M4267-K2011-71)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS, CIGA, StLGF. S TV, 40ish, 5'7", full figure and slimming. Many varied interests. "Will make first ventures out to meetings and socials this year to meet others and get more involved in the community. Will write as long as honesty and friendship prevail."

JOANNE R. KUZMICKUS
(IL-P-M4322-K9303-68)
New woman, 10 years, warm, sincere, full-figured. "Would like genetic females, straight or lesbian, for warm, open friendships. Employed college student. Like to be active. Many educational and cultural interests. Seek warm and sincere letters, photos. Would like meaningful two-way relationships. No cheap thrills or sexual activities."

AMANDA LYNN RICHARDS
(IL-M4574-K9942-69)
49, 5'7", 145, 14, Tri-Ess. "Loving, tolerant wife, supportive children. Happy with femininity. Regular outings en femme. Professional with interest in music synthesizers, computers and woodworking. Feels so good to transform into Amanda. Would like to help others feel good about themselves. Will write."

DENISE PETERS
(IL-NP-M4590-K9008-70)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Vice President of Chicago Gender Society. Attended CGS Dunes Getaway, Be All. Editor: Chi Chapter's *The Chi-Tribune*. Hetero, MCD, 6', 50ish. "Finally discovering the community after 35+ years in the closet. Desire to assist those who are weary of opening the door. Sysop, Lifetime BBS."

CLARISSA RENEE V.
(IL-NP-M4726-K10452-70)
Member RCGA. DWM, CD, 5'9". Intelligent, educated professional with actively supportive girlfriend. Interests include fine lingerie, satin dresses, high heels, fashions and all things feminine. "I am a good correspondent. Looking to make new friends to share experiences. Will write all who respond."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B.
(MO-P-M0258-K0560-71)
Member TCNE, NWGA, SLGF. DWM, hetero, 53, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, meeting other sisters, camping. "Lifelong crossdresser. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers as well as CD events. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

ANGELA JOHNSON
(MO-NP-M1162-K1308-70)
SBMTV, 5'11", 175. "Interests: photography, jazz, old movies, socializing, dancing and crossdressing. Like to correspond with TVs, TSs and women who understand. Would like a friend to share feelings with, go out and be relaxed with. Would like gentleman for escort. Interested in relationships with sincere people in St. Louis area."

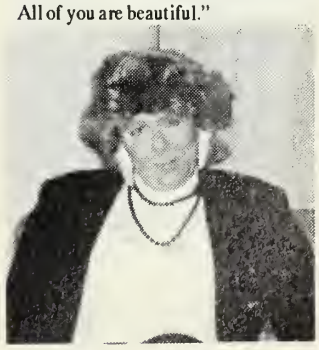
JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-P-M2689-K4328-68)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, and balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me–for sure–That's what friends are for . . ."

TERRIE REESE
(MO-P-M2809-K4662-68)
Member Kansas City CAF. 5'10", long red hair, pass easily, TG. Interested in computers, art, fashion, cosmetology. "Married to a lovely woman. Owner of Digital Dreams, a fantasy photo retouch service. Let us make you look your best. Write for free brochure."

INGE VON KEHL
(MO-M3351-K6634-68)
Member CAF, KCK; GDS, KCMO. Post-op TS, academic professional (Medicine). "Enjoy theater, international travel, classical music. Fluent in Spanish, English, German. Like philosophical, scientific conversation over dinner."

ROXANNE VELDY
(MO-P-M3623-K7751-68)
Member StLGF. Self-employed visual artist. MWM, 38, 5'11", children, wife tolerant, but not supportive. Involved with the gender community in St. Louis. Not passable, but trying. Out ten years and still battling for self acceptance. "I enjoy life and all its varied experience. Can we talk?"

JORDYNNE BAKER
(MO-P-M3874-K4403-70)
Secretary StLGF. "Happy to be doing more to help others. Still learning from all of you, and hope to continue growing. Please write. Let's share hope, dreams, and love. Have stopped to smell the roses. All of you are beautiful."



JULIE RUSSELL

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(MO-P-M3958-K2970-69)
DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-70)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

BETSY ANN COLLIER
(MO-P-M4526-K6214-69)
41, 5'9", DWM, slimming, bi-curious, friendly, bookish. Many interests. "New to femme self. Shy, but anxious to make friends for mutual fun and support (M, F, or TV). Will certainly return any kindness (my only criterion), and help however I can, too."

R. C.
(MO-M4589-K9995-69)
Too damn big and too old, hetero, 6'6", 255, 63. "I bought just one edition of *Tapestry* and learned more from it about myself than from all other books, magazines, etc. If I could just talk to another crossdresser, it might help me learn a lot more. I am too old and too big for anything but the closet."

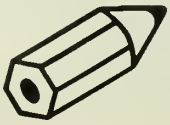
MICKI DANIELS
(MO-NP-M4610-K7131-70)
President, StLGF, MAGGIE Representative. "Baby boomer and first-born in family. Hormones since 4/93. I feel who I am. Dancer/Writer/Artiste—Outreacher,—acceptance of our lifestyle is my favorite endeavor. Know yourself? Want a friend to help enjoy your self-discovery? Just call me and I'll be there."

TONI FRIED
(MO-M4052-K8561-70)
SWM, M-F TS, 5'4", 155. "It's been a great year. Have developed friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Looking to attend several events this year. Enjoy going to malls and dinner. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Started hormones and electrolysis. Will answer all who write."

KANSAS (660- 679-)

EVELYN B.
(EKS-P-M0400-K1329-68)
"Tall, thin, enjoy getting out. Interested in meeting others interested in gender issues in Kansas City and other midwestern cities. Want to perfect classy and sophisticated feminine image. Active in some of the support groups. Lots of information on local resources and friendly shops. Not into long correspondence but can help with resources in the Kansas City area."

LEONA L.
(KS-P-M4446-K8836-68)
CD, very tall, and in great shape. "Very much enjoy dressing up. It's very exciting. Have gone out some at night, and once in the day. Have been dressing many years. Would like to share ideas and correspond with others on their experiences."



SHELLY H.
(KS-NP-M4627-K10171-70)
Member Wichita Gender Alliance. DWM, 48, 5'8", 175, 18. Lifetime CD. "Carpenter into remodelling, electronics, cooking, baking, love good music and crosswords. Goal, to live as a woman. Sisters in community have helped tremendously in self-acceptance. Love to hear from, meet other sisters for support, friendship. Will answer all. Love y'all!"

NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

MELISSA JEAN H.
(NE-P-M2742-K4493-68)
Member GIC Denver, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, socializing, golf, fishing, and discovering new things. "This flower seems to be a real slow bloomer. Opening even under the limitations of country life. Enjoy hearing from sisters, would like to hear from any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

JANELLE L.
(NE-M2958-K5055-69)
Member of Emerald City. 6'1", 14, recently married, 40's, almost passable, non-smoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated friendly, pilot, physically active, computer literate. Like to correspond and meet couples, TVs for discussion, local activities."

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-70)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

DEE ANN W.
(NE-M4647-K9711-70)
Member RCGA. MWM, 6'6", 46, lifelong closeted TV. "Looking for sensitive way to introduce my feminine side to my wife. Would like to get out and meet others who are in similar situations. Would like to hear from other tall TVs."

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-68)
Member Tri Delta Chi. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, and would welcome corresponding with them."

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)

STEPHENIE RENEE' F.
(AR-M1841-K1998-68)
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass very well."

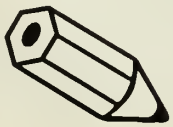
JANA H.
(SAR-P-M2042-K2442-68)
Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 50's, 5'7", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Into

full dressing eight years. Spouse helps, but not crazy about it. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-D's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more. Possibly meet in Ark, La, or Miss."

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

PAULA JOHNSON
(OK-NP-M1620-K1367-69)
SWM TV, 40. Interested in music, computers, photography and bike riding. "Living with a non-supportive roommate which limits my dressing. Paula's wardrobe has moved from the closet back to being boxed in the garage. Would like to meet and exchange photos with other crossdressers. Attended all Texas T Parties except '93."

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."



GEE TRANSU
(OK-NP-M4204-K7024-71)
A lady of a certain age, 5'11", 178. Loves high heels and dressy clothes. Enjoys dressing up and going to dinner with sisters. Interested in classical music, musical theater, literature, history and computers. E-mail welcome. Send E-mail via Internet, to: gee@regentdb.osrhe.edu."

TEXAS (750- 799-)

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(ETX-P-M1250-K1398-68)
Participant in many events. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coördinator, Coming Together, WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane and her wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are strongly committed to integrating crossdressing and family values.

CASEY COLE
(S TX-NP-M1907-K2196-71)
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Hetero crossdresser living with accepting lady who participates in club events. "Designed and built my own house. Rebuilt '57 Chevy Nomad, '66 Nova, 1800ES Volvo."

BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-M2089-K8064-69)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

CHERYL CLARK
(TX-P-M2116-K2510-69)
Member Austin Second Image. Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, '92, Coming Together '91, '92, Texas Seminar on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. 47, 5'9", 150, blond hair, blue eyes, accepted in public. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, etc. Love music, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. Lecture on transgenderism at the Austin Community College."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-69)
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

MAXINE MCDONALD
(N TX-M2223-K2669-70)
Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try to do it with class."

DANIELLE M.
(S TX-M2691-K4242-69)
MWM, college educated, semi-retired, 5'11", proportional weight. "Solo friendship/companionship sought with discreet responsible 50s professional person. Strong interest in CD/IFGE activities. Gentle quest, non-pressuring attitude. Drug-free, smoking OK. Good health and attitude. Corpus Christi, Texas only. Pluses would include walking, swimming, fishing, occasional golf."

JOANNA STEPHENS
(TX-P-M2722-K4386-68)
Member Sigma Epsilon/Delta Omega. Early 40s, warm and friendly bigenderist. "Tall and slim, 5'11", 138. Lover of life and people. Enjoy photography, social events, and being me. Shopaholic size 10 blonde with crystal blue eyes. Always enjoy meeting new people."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-69)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Came out - come out. You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

LIANA JAMES
(TX-M2949-K5062-69)
Bright, intelligent, happy and caring heterosexual TV. "Single, living alone and very interested in our crossdressing world. Hobbies include dressing en femme, photography, computers, travel and people who are fun to be with."

JEAN G.
(TX-M3421-K6856-71)
Single, 71, 6', 160, gray hazel eyes. Never married. Crossdressed since childhood.

TS inclinations. "Welcome correspondence from all, especially mature men. Collection of TV/TS/CD books, memorabilia, newspaper items. Complete copy of Christine Jorgensen articles that appeared in *American Weekly* in the '50s. AKA left leg due to WW II."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS
(TX-P-M3112-K5688-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega. "Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife. Educated professional. Pass well. Enjoy everything feminine, especially fine lingerie and pretty dresses. Interested in photography, fashion, history, world travel, and the arts. Enjoy exchanging photos, helping other sisters, and sharing life's experiences. Am sometimes slow to respond."

ELLEN CARLSON
(TX-P-M3174-K6055-69)
Single, 36, 5'11", 158, size 16. "Want to be TS real bad. Love being and dressing like a woman at home. Getting better at passing every day. Very feminine and loving. Looking for serious relationship with TS, SM or female. Photo if possible. (Formerly Stephanie Spiegel.)"

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-71)
Member Boulton and Park. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Married hetero CD. "Wife knows, but has difficulty dealing with it. Am interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Would also like to correspond with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

DIANNA B.
(TX-P-M3267-K6402-70)
Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of the closet December '91. Have a supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in the day so I would have more time to dress."

JOYCE DIANE C.
(TX-NP-M3272-K6417-71)
Attended Texas T Party. 5'8", 150, 33, TV/DQ that loves changing channels. "Having fun! Enjoy humorous, intelligent, conversation and correspondence, feminine apparel, and frou. I love bringing the feminine illusion to life through modeling for photo sessions. Musician/writer. Looking forward to hearing from you."

MONICA-LEE MARIE
(TX-P-M3506-K7202-68)
Hetero CD, 30, 5'11", 150, healthy. "Enjoy conversation, movies, reading, and travel. Seeking Lipstick Lesbian for sharing girl talk and candle light. If humor and compassion mixed with a passion for feminine fashion sounds like fun—what are you waiting for? Please send photo. Desert hearts unite."

CHERYL L. BOLEN
(TX-NP-M3629-K7747-71)
"Member of gender transition program as a TS. On hormones 8 months and enjoying the changes. 52, blue eyes, trim and proportionate to me 5'15" height. Tall Texas lady is artistic, educated professional, and interested in dating understanding men."

RANDI P.
(TX-M3650-K7875-68)
Member Boulton & Park. MWM, lifelong TV, 55, 5'10", professional, quiet and shy. "Interested in nurturing the femininity I have always suppressed and being who I really am. Would like to meet compatible friends and winter Texans in the Valley for social occasions."

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-68)
Single, mid-30's, 5'7", blonde, blue, taking hormones. Happy, well-adjusted, loves animals, intelligent conversation, romantic candle-lit dinners, slow dancing, cooking, classical-to-jazz, and country life (owns small farm). "Will answer all who send photo."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY
(TX-M3818-K6221-68)
Member GCTC, ReCast, TATS, Boulton & Park.

DEBBIE B.
(TX-P-M3921-K7883-69)
MWM, TV, bi. Novice at crossdressing. "Am interested in writing to others who are discreet. 5'10", 160, and trying to reduce to 14. My main goal is to feel comfortable being out in public as my hidden self. Will reply to all."

KIMBERLY-BLAIR S.
(TX-NP-M4178-K1091-71)
5'9", 135, sophisticated TV/TS? "Looking for a sincere gentleman 35-40 who can make dreams come true. If you enjoy candle light, evenings by the fire, and romantic walks, then just maybe, both our dreams can come true! Photo appreciated."

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-71)
31, M, self-employed, athletically fit, residing in Dallas. Seeks attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. All answered with letter and photo.

BEVERLY MOORE
(TX-P-M4320-K6377-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Texas Rose. Attended Metro-plex CD Club, Delta Omega. Single TV/CD. Interested in classic cars, shopping, dancing outdoors, writing, old movies, cold cozy nights. "Enjoy being a woman, understanding people, going out in public. Exchange letters, photos, meet/date in my area. Answer all."

TIFFANY TAYLOR
(TX-P-M4460-K9001-69)
5'9", 165, 30. "Have an interest in everything about crossdressing. Love to attend FI shows and evenings on the town. Your photo gets my letter."

LINDA B.
(TX-P-M4547-K9774-69)
Post-op TS, 5'7", 130, 28, 100% passable. "On hormones since age 15. Surgery at age 21. Would like to make friends with other TSs, men interested in TSs, or anyone. I can offer my experience and support. I believe we are all very special! Please write."

JOHN C.
(TX-NP-M4603-K10106-69)
SWM, 40, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. "Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated."

JOAN R.
(TX-NP-M4699-K10389-70)
SWM, mature, 6'2", crossdresser. "Looking for friends near Houston, along Interstates between here and SE Michigan where I visit. Still deep in closet, but peeking out. Interests are theater, photography, music—jazz to classical, travel, sharing girl talk, advice, experiences and quiet evenings. Love to correspond with anyone, anywhere. Photo please."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

GERI G.
(CO-P-M3077-K5676-69)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."

RENAE E.
(CO-M2948-K5068-68)
MWM, 40's, 6', 190. Interested in photography, woodworking, needlepoint. "Closeted, wife somewhat supportive. Dressing since age three. Would like to correspond with others to gain confidence."

LORI DEE HARMON
(CO-P-M3105-K5692-69)
MWM, 39, 5'11", 190, 16. Enjoy hunting fishing, golf as time permits. Avid baseball and football fan. This is secondary to my love of being and feeling feminine. "Wife knows, not supportive. Love wearing lingerie, stockings, heels, and career dresses, skirts, blouses. Need help with makeup and wig. Ready to interact with my sisters and develop a passing image."

SHELLY WILLIAMS
(CO-M3168-K6038-68)
Received Suicide Prevention Award. 5'10", 37, pre-op TS. Interested in helping other crossgender persons with children, Native American life. "Business owner, living with nature, living with life. Willing to help the TV/TS community to deal with areas of problems they may face."

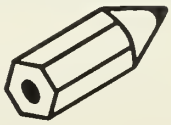
SHEETAH O.
(CO-P-M3638-K6276-68)
GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Good sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, trim, sensitive breasts.

WENDI M.
(CO-M3725-K8260-68)
STV, 39, 6', 135. Interested in computers, rock climbing, skiing, and being Wendi. "Have been dressing for years, but never made it past the front door. Would like to make friends to help me get out the door. Need all the help I can get."

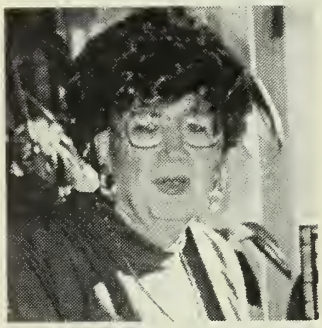
MARLA B.
(CO-NP-M4263-K5352-71)
Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; GIC Colorado; Compuserve ABFH; GEnie Girl; AOL SWM, hetero, bi-gendered TV. Software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businesswoman, engineer and philosopher. "Enjoy dining, shows, music and sports. Delight in both the balance and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting and corresponding with others."

WYOMING (820- 831-)

LORI LARKIN
(WY-P-M3229-K6287-70)
Member Tri-Ess, GIC, Denver, CO. Attended T Party '92-'94, California Dreamin' '93. Divorced, mid-40s, 5'6", slight build, 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and dressing. "Would love to spend more time as Lori, but am somewhat restricted by where I live. Looking forward to new experiences. Like corresponding with others. Travel, outings possible."



MICHELLE INGLE
(WY-P-M3332-K1454-69)
Attended Coming Together. MWM, 34, 5'7", 140. Interested in movies, rock 'n' roll music, dancing, shopping, fashionable clothing. "Wife supportive and understanding. Enjoy going out as Michelle when I can. Would like to meet, correspond, and exchange photos."



MARILYN MIRACLE
(WY-NP-M4555-K7857-69)
Married, loving wife and family, hetero CD, 60s, physician, closeted. Pausing to reflect on what all this means. Writer, teacher, computer literate, large library, many interests. "Welcome e-mail. CompuServe: 72440,2420. Please write. Eager for friends who crossdress and value their feminine persona. Help me learn. I can help you."

IDAHO (832- 838-)

DAVI BRIGGS
(ID-P-M2078-K2472-68)
TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "I like going to the mall. Sometimes I'll stay there all day. I like bowling, water/snow skiing, roller skating, would try roller blades, hooking rugs. Would like to hear from other TV/TS sisters from different parts of the world."

WANDA S.
(ID-M3238-K6335-70)
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

MICKIE ANN S.
(ID-M3842-K2868-69)
Mid-40's, 6', 200, MWM, brown hair and eyes. Interested in camping, mountains, hunting, rafting, cooking, and dressing up. "Love to dress when I can. Have never been out, but want to learn all I can. Like to meet/correspond with others."

BONNIE M.
(ID-P-M4124-K8917-70)
Single pre-op TS, 5'10", 150. Interested in Native American culture, museums, mountains, fishing, hunting, camping, archery, photography, travel, meeting new people. On hormones since '79, electrolysis complete, saving money for surgery, breast augmentation. Living full time since '85. Want to meet couples, men, women, TV/TSs for friendship, dating, explain mutual interests, relationship."

BARBARA NEWMAN
(ID-P-M4354-K9249-68)
Member Tri-Ess. 45, SWM. Interested in camping, football card collecting and being Barbara. "I am a lifelong crossdresser who just recently went out for the first time. I have a supportive girlfriend. Want to write other sisters. Will try to respond to all. Will trade pictures."

KRISTINE TANNER
(ID-NP-M4705-K10402-70)
Attended Texas T Party '94. DWM, late 20s, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in fly fishing, camping, travel, shopping and attending more events in the transgendered community. "I just came out for the first time and have much to learn. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs, especially in the NW."

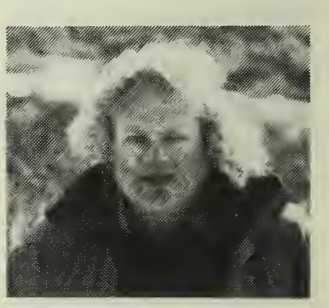
UTAH (840- 847-)

MARY ANN L.
(UT-NP-M2120-K1458-71)
Participant: Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, IFGE, Holiday En Femme. DW, TV/TG, 36, 5'3", 155. "Fairly passable. Would love to hear from people in the SLC and Utah area. Would like to develop friendships with women who find TGs fascinating."

CHRISTY MILLER
(UT-P-M2816-K4667-68)
Your photo gets my letter.

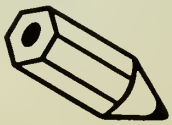
ROBIN J.
(UT-M3339-K6618-70)
34 D/W/CD/TV/TS/? "Am very interested in corresponding/meeting others. I'm interested in music, shopping, outdoors, comedy clubs. I'm ccepting myself as I am. Would like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect."

LEIA CHEIQUE
(UT-M3392-K6840-69)
Lifetime CD, mid-40s. Travel extensively throughout the US. Member TCNE. "Visited Renaissance. Enjoy dining, theater, and social contacts en femme. Desire to meet sisters in all areas of country."



LINDA W.
(UT-P-M3930-K5354-70)
Member GIC of Denver. Attended Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Convention '93. MWM, 47, pre-op TS. Goal is SRS late '93. Interested in travel, nondrinker, nonsmoker, gardening, clothes, shopping. "Want to correspond with TSs and women who find TSs interesting. Living full time as a woman now. Would like to meet and talk with TS to discuss how to cope with children, one 2, one 6, and transition."

DESTINY D.
(UT-NP-M4247-K9545-68)
SW hetero CD, 33, 5'5", 119, with TS tendencies. "Would like info about local TS programs, support groups, etc. Hormones since 1/93. Professional Fed. Born to shop, love the outdoors, flirtatious clothes and British sports cars. Semi-closeted. Would like help in becoming more passable."



ARIZONA (850- 864-)

GEORGE B.
(AZ-M1012-K1461-68)
"Hello, I would like to write or meet new friends in the transgender community. I am 44, F-M. If you have a computer, let's network. Bye."

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-70)
Member A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-68)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Would like to correspond with TV sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-68)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy creating the illusion of a sophisticated, fashionable woman who presents in good taste. Many interests including art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet and/or correspond with passable CDs in Phoenix area and other parts of the country. Not interested in men!"

TRISH NICOLE THOMAS
(AZ-P-M3320-K6584-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. 5'9", 30ish. Attended Holiday En Femme, '93. Single, college degreed, sense of humor, and open-minded. "Former California/Colorado girl. Now a Desert Dudette. Out regularly with the Valley Girls, for sure. Enjoy FI shows, movies, sports, snow skiing, and working out. SASE works best."

RASHEL RICHARDS
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-70)
Member Tri-Ess. Single, hetero transgenderist. Interested in SCUBA diving, underwater photography, travel and everything feminine. "Love to network with serious sisters. Own women's apparel new and resale shop catering to the gender community."

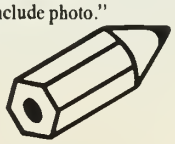
KASSANDRA G.
(AZ-P-M4269-K0263-71)
Local MAGGIE affiliate. MWM, CD 44, 5'11", 175, blonde, blue eyes. "Like all types of music, corresponding with and meeting other CDs and women who enjoy the companionship of CDs. Enjoy going to clubs and other public places as a woman. Also being with real women while dressed. Look forward to new acquaintances."

CINDY N.
(AZ-M4047-K8782-70)
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. SWM, divorced, 5'7", size 18, early 50's. Interested in photography, computers, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping. "Enjoy meeting new people. Have been editor of *Cactus Flower* for three years, and still like doing it!"

DIANA ISHAM
(W-AZ-M4407-K8992-68)
Hetero single TV, 50, 5'3", 125. Interested in music, reading, meeting sisters, and attending social events. "Need sisters for support to go places with. Always dressed at home. Would love to have visitors who could talk me into going out in public dressed."

CRYSTAL B.
(AZ-P-M4427-K9668-68)
6'0", 170, 39, single TV/CD. Enjoy science fiction, cars, boating, antiques. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters and enjoy my femininity more."

TOMMIE P.
(AZ-P-M4482-K9695-69)
MWM, hetero TV, 37, 5'10", 185. Interested in cars, outdoors, bicycling, long walks, shopping, writing about my CD experiences. "Novice TV cautiously venturing into wonderful feminine world. Love to meet and correspond with other TV/TS and understanding women who can be of support to me. Will write to all who include photo."



NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-71)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

RHONDA V.
(NM-NP-M4616-K10151-70)
5'9", 140, dark brown long hair. Interested in being as feminine as possible, dressing conservatively. "Enjoy my feminine side and work hard at passing. I pass well, have great legs, and love to show them off by wearing short skirts and high heels. Would love to hear from and perhaps meet GGs, passable CD/TSs."

NEVADA (890- 898-)

SUSAN BALLINGER
(NV-P-M3999-K8467-69)
"Hi, I'm Susan, an attractive, 30ish hetero TV, intelligent and sensitive. Interested in meeting feminine female for friendship and romance. Would also enjoy friendship and correspondence with TV/TSs. Like skiing, hiking, sailing, outdoor interests. Love living en femme and sharing this with the right person."

DIANA T.
(NV-M4005-K8611-70)
MWM CD, 6'1", 175, 40s, professional, wife very supportive. "Looking for CD/TV-friendly couple to help us unravel the mysteries of our secret world. I also collect lingerie-advertising items, and would love to hear from other collectors, will purchase/trade. Discreet meetings possible in Las Vegas or elsewhere."

HENRY O.
(NV-M4099-K8884-70)
Single, hetero male, non-CD, 6'4", 240-60, seeks exchange of dialog with community. "Very people-oriented Christian. Have worked within the community. I am familiar with the community and individual needs. Photo appreciated!"

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA-P-M0480-K1659-69)
DBM, Hetero, 45, 5'8", 145, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music, movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. No men. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

MARLENE L.
(SCA-P-M1036-K1602-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Chapter, National, and Tri Chi, Tulare, Ca. Attended Holiday en Femme '87, '89, received Special Service Award, Tri-Ess. 59, divorced, professional. Interested in tennis, motorcycle touring, cross-country skiing. "I help Carol Beecroft in the Tri-Ess office."

BETSY B.
(NCA-M1104-K1692-68)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-NP-M1150-K1648-68)
"A senior lady traveling down the long, arduous trail from male to female would love to hear from anyone interested in leaning on an ancient, but soft feminine shoulder."

JEAN F.
(CA-NP-M1291-K1589-70)
Lifelong dresser, 63, little experience out. "Avid reader and collector of reading material. Into computer video, many CD and she-male. Would trade or sell books. Do some public speaking (12-step program), bicycle and snow ski (racing). Need plenty of guidance. Let's write and share."

SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(NCA-P-M1472-K7809-69)
SWM, Bi-TV, 33, 150, 6'0", long hair, currently in electrolysis. "Formerly Sharyn Stevens, but boyself has finally accepted femme self into the family! Interested in dates, NOT penpals (no time to write). Attractive, relaxed, nonsmoking companions sought, SF Bay area, for movies, conversation, sharing fantasies. Male female, or TV/TS. Also interested in dating TV/TS as Steve."

KAREN R.
(CA-P-M1514-K1234-68)
Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Interested in comedy writing, typical CD stuff. "If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable about yourself, you're my kind of person!"

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-70)
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. "Recently moved to California. Enjoy computers, photography, ultra-light flying and all aspects of affecting a feminine persona. Rarely out in public, but my self confidence is growing. Enjoy corresponding. Like to find a south Ventura County girl or two. Photo appreciated."

DONNA FREEMAN
(NCA-P-M1664-K1819-71)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 47 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 6 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

SARAH W.
(NCA-P-M1727-K1877-68)
32, pre-op M-F TS, on hormones one year. Surgery scheduled for late 1993. "It has been an incredible year! From telling family, friends, and work, to going full-time, to feeling whole at last! Wish to offer support and understanding to my sisters. Quite active on the Internet."

STACY C.
(CA-P-M1806-K1961-71)
Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psychology graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Would love limited correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for faster response."

RACHAEL D.
(NCA-P-M1811-K1957-71)
Member ETVC, RGA, DVG. 55 TV. Tolerant wife, family knows. "Active in many groups, but enjoy going out doing regular activities dressed best of all. Pass well. Dress conservatively and often. Would love to go to work en femme.

Actually, my wardrobe is 80% female. Me, too! Grin!"

ELIZABETH BLAIR
(SCA-P-M1927-K2214-68)
MWM, 39, 5'10", size 18. Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shopping, cooking, photography and all things feminine. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with TV/TSs, especially other queen sized sisters."

LISA MAXWELL
(CA-NP-M1965-K2133-68)
Member ETVC, RGA, Northern CA. MWM, 39, 5'8", 145, 10, DWM. "Attractive, effervescent. I love life, all its changes. Closet door lost. Reasonably passable. I love my toddler son, just being Lisa, dancing, gardening, shopping. I tend to be an adventuress. Revel in emotions, intimacy. Be who you are, time is life."

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(SCA-P-M2099-K1518-69)
Cute white TV enjoys working in the community and helping others. "I travel to most of the conventions and also on business a lot. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others who have the same interests. Drop me a note and let's get together and go out on the town."

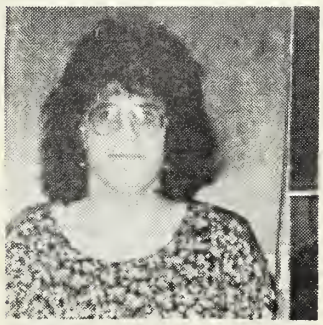
AYNN H.
(CA-NP-M2117-K2511-70)
6'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, beautiful legs. Interested in walks in gardens, heady conversations, movies, crossdressing, dining out, theater, reading. "Bi and would enjoy writing or telephone conversations with other TVs 35-45 years old, who live in the South Bay area of LA. Let's get together for the sheer fun of crossdressing."

ARLENA ROSE
(CA-NP-M2273-K2847-70)
Member of ETVC. Attractive bi-TG, 5'6", 12, shaved body, brown hair, blue eyes, sense of humor, intelligent, loving, sensitive, caring. Would prefer to live in female gender and is attracted to same. Feminine TV/TS/GGs, select novice TVs or couples. "The depth of caring can only be measured by the pleasure received."

JANELLE & DIANA S.
(CA-P-M2327-K3024-69)
Married heterosexual couple. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others interested in music, literature, travel. Hobbies include needlecrafts, home decorating, computers, and movies. Interested in providing moral support for those still in the closet. "Everyone needs friends."

ROXANNA ROCHETTE
(NCA-P-M2350-K3063-70)
Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. 5'11", 170, forever 39. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, and erotica. "'We are who we pretend to be.' Interested in correspondence, friendship and meeting anyone who is sincere to practice the art of gender illusionism."

BOB DAVIS
(NCA-P-M2620-K1631-68)
"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: *Tapestry*, prior to #39, *Ladylike* #1 and 2, *Female Mimics International* #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's *Drag* and Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*."

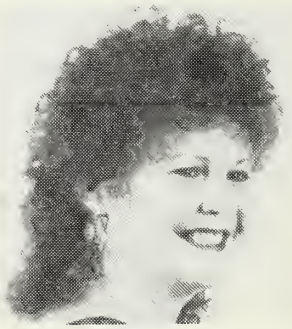


KRIS M.
(CCA-NP-M2713-K4340-71)
CD, 35, 5'8", brown hair/eyes. "Sensitive and caring. Love everything feminine. Crossdressing since age 5. Will correspond to anyone who shares an interest in being feminine. Would appreciate letters, photos. Thanks."

BARBARA ANN B.
(CA-M2510-K3598-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Neutral Corner, Born Free, Powder Puffs.

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-68)
Bi-TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman almost all of my life. Looking to hear from others. Age 23."

PATTI PIERCE
(CA-P-M2799-K4649-68)
Member PPOC. Attended California Dreamin' '92. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, amateur radio, woodworking, shopping as Patti. Have fun corresponding with others and exchanging experiences and photos. Love pierced ears and earrings. Travel often in summer to various CD outings. Out of closet 3 years, enjoy each new adventure."



LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-M2833-K4704-68)
Member ETVC. Attend most events in Bay area. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, WF, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F TS (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. Enjoy music, dining out, pet lizards, and Siamese cat. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-sexual lesbian in lesbian relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

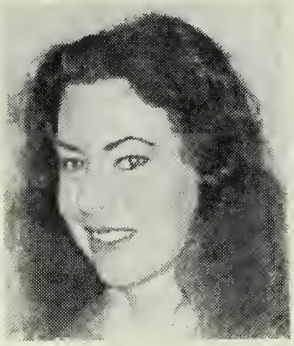
ANNA C.
(CA-M3110-K5689-69)
SWM, 31, 6'. "Coming out very slowly.

Desire correspondents in Santa Cruz/San Jose area. Into the erotic aspects of transvestism. No desire to pass or go public, currently. Ciao!"

CHELSEA BROWN
(CA-P-M2934-K4993-69)
34, 6', hazel eyes, red hair (sometimes). Interested in computers, reading (and writing) fiction. "I am still trying to find out who Chelsea is, and a means to get rid of 5 inches, 30 pounds and 10 years."

MARY ANNE S.
(CA-P-M3030-K5498-69)
Member ETVC, Rainbow Gender Alliance. 5'8", 160, 14, white TS, single, 42. Interested in science, especially astronomy, cooking, gardening, and music. "I am a reentry student in engineering and doing well thanks to a new sense of self-esteem, and thanks to support from my bi-gendered sisters and brothers. Although I am hetero oriented, Enjoy corresponding with anyone from our bi-gendered community."

JOSEPHINE C.
(CA-P-M3137-K5115-69)
"Black, hetero CD, 5'10", 195, married to a loving Japanese woman who understands my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, chess, computers and Japanese. Would love to make friends with CD/TV/TS/TG. Sexual orientation not a problem."



JULIE R.
(CA-NP-M3152-K5943-70)
34, pre-op M-F TS. "Am thinking of having voice modification surgery. Would like to hear from anyone who has had voice surgery or knows someone who has had it. Hopefully, Dr. Meyers' surgery."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interests, blabbing, writing, photos, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *GenderFlex*-Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

CHERYL BEAUMONT
(CA-M3269-K6455-70)
Member ETVC. Busy professional, single, enjoy the hobby, only go for the complete look. "Finishing electrolysis this summer. Would be interested in swapping letters or, if you are on Compuserve, drop by the HSX-200 forum for a chat."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-71)
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-68)
TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Would love to hear from others, especially in S CA."

BOBBI B.
(CA-P-M3693-K8021-68)
Tall, late 50's, accepting non-participating wife. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, sexy, needs social interaction. Loves role-playing/making videos—successful at it. "Let's meet, be social, role-play, maybe make videos together. Great fun/release. Very confidential. LA area."

PATSY A.
(CA-P-M3710-K8054-68)
Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs and friends."

REBECCA ELIZABETH B.
(CA-M3793-K2890-68)
SWM, 44, 5'7½", 135. Interested in music, movies, books, cooking, stamps, all things feminine. "Still closeted, but wanting to come out. Have been crossdressing since age 9. Now that my daughter is grown and married, it is time for the true me to emerge. Seeking sisters for support and guidance on my journey."

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-M4068-K8799-70)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'+, 215, 60+, non-smoker, wife unaccepting. "Have not allowed myself to accept femme side until recently. Am learning. Finding that there are other sisters who are most supportive and cordial has been very helpful. Dress when able. Will answer all. Enjoy and encouraged with contacts with sisters."

PAMELA A. MILLER
(CA-P-M4107-K8760-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 155, 14, 53. Interested in service groups, helping others, music (all kinds), old movies, Star Trek (new one), walking on the beach, clothes shopping, my jacuzzi, practicing makeup, my own long hair (blondes do have more fun), dancing (all kinds), long dresses. "Recently came out. Wow! Please write."

JENNIFER MICHAELS
(CA-M4132-K4879-68)
5'10", 140, MWM, passable. Enjoy shopping, biking, surfing, going out as Jennifer. "Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Would like to correspond with others and share insights on how to balance CD and family life. Enjoy trading advice and suggestions regarding dressing. Will answer all letters."

MARY R.
(CA-NP-M4140-K8927-70)
"Like to meet Cds in Bay area; NS. Love

heels, dancing, partying. I've been dressing up for 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone, correspond, or meet."

CAROL SCHOFIELD
(CA-P-M4371-K9636-68)
Pre-op TS, 5'8", 140, ash blonde. Interested in art, music, theater, people, fitness, intelligent conversation. "I would like to meet a successful gentleman (50s plus) who knows how to treat a lady, and very passable TV/TSs for friendship. Photo appreciated for response."

LINDA LEE
(CA-P-M4411-K9187-69)
Member RGA, Diablo Valley Girls, ETVC, Sacramento Gender Association. President Northstate Gender Association and Girl Flyers. "Been out since January '93. Discovered associations and marched with ETVC in the San Francisco parade. I want to thank all those who made this possible."

ALICE BARNES
(CA-NP-M4470-K8353-68)
Lifelong crossdresser. "Finally making the BIG move. Going full time this year, and surgery ASAP. Humorous, outgoing, compassionate, learning the feminine art. Travel Seattle/Los Angeles and New York/Washington, but need rides to San Francisco activities. Will answer letters, exchange photos."

JAMIE H.
(CA-P-M4532-K7546-70)
Blue eyed, 44, lifelong CD. Looks and thinks years younger. 5'7", 150. "I'm 25% into electrolysis and will begin hormones spring '94. Enjoy music, sports, outdoors and feminine attire. Would love to meet understanding women and new friends within the gender community."

MICHELLE DAVIS
(CA-NP-M4644-K10253-70)
Lifelong crossdresser, 34, tall and passable. Caring, sensitive, love art, movies, rock 'n' roll. "Have spent the last year with my wonderful soul-mate exploring my feminine self. Would like to meet other CDs and possibly form a group on the central California coast. Go out in LA, SF often."

LAURA H.
(CA-NP-M4674-K10348-70)
Member Born Free. 38, TG. "Love playing and listening to music, intimacy, romance, writing and reading. Would love to correspond with TG/TV/TSs from all over. Meetings possible in Southern California area."

JOANNA NICHOLS
(CA-M4727-K10454-70)
"Part-time TV wants to become full time TS. Willing to do anything asked to achieve my goal. Anyone that can help transform and guide me out of the closet and into womanhood, please contact me. Am single and can relocate anywhere in US to accommodate your needs and desires. Will answer all who respond."

MATT HOLIDAY
(CA-M4405-K9625-68)
41, DWM, admirer, handsome, masculine, educated. "Want to meet slim, attractive, passable TS, 25-35, for talk and friendship. Enjoy quiet get-togethers, talk, slow dancing, romantic dinners. Not into gay scene. Photo, phone, please."

JANET D. NICHOLS
(CA-NP-M4736-K6663-70)
Member ETVC, co-founder DVG. 45, 5'9", 145, light brown frosted, WM CD for 10 years. Interests stereo, video photography and computers. "Like socializing and meeting people, especially interested in education and helping others to come out. Love writing and doing what I can to help our community be better understood by the public."

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

TRACY ANN RYAN
(HI-M2180-K2598-69)
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. "M-F TG. As president of our local gender organization, I am very active in Hawaii's T community. Although I no longer have time to maintain penpal correspondence, I will write to those inquiring about our group or issues concerning the formation of groups elsewhere."

OREGON (970- 979-)

RHONDA F.
(OR-M2708-K4343-71)
42, 5'10", 165, still in closet. "Wife knows and is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Like traveling in Oregon and most outdoor activities. Love lingerie and TV fiction books, and have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping."

ELLEN SUMMERS
(OR-P-M0382-K1703-64)
IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91, V. Prince Award '94. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

JAN C.
(OR-M3514-K7221-70)
MWM, 5'10", 170, 60+. Computer nut. Interested in dressing, easy listening music, travel. "Want to meet other CDs. Will write all. Wife non-supportive, so need someone to talk to and learn from."

RONI LANG
(OR-P-M3599-K7624-68)
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

MICHAEL/MICHELLE T.
(OR-M4211-K9494-71)
33, SBM, TV, 5'9", 151. "Fun, sensitive, sincere, and attractive. Enjoy a full feminine figure. Love *all* things feminine! Have enjoyed crossdressing in the closet all my life. I'm coming out! Would love to have many, many girlfriends. No picture, yet. Looking to meet like-minded people in Portland area for sharing, support."

WENDY K.
(OR-M4454-K9415-68)
"Male, 38 who needs new category. An-

drogynous bivestual, maybe? CD occasionally for fun and learning, but mostly want to mix, synthesize, traditionally masculine and feminine to create something new. Clothing is neat, but relationships, spontaneity, love, being in world, more important. Love to hear from others who feel similarly."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-71)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-68)
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do and having fun."

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-71)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-P-M2102-K2505-68)
Member Emerald City, Omega Alpha Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'9", 200, 59, TS living full-time. Interested in sewing and design, art, calligraphy, scale model planes, collect dolls and stamps, model railroading. "The wife is a good friend. I enjoy hearing from others and will answer all letters."

TRACI S.
(WA-P-M2942-K7835-69)
Member XX Club/GICNE Program, AEGIS. Pre-op M-F, 32, 5'2", 110, brunette, hazel eyes. "Recently moved here from Massachusetts and living full time in my preferred gender role. Want to correspond with other *former* gender dysphorics (TSs) who wish to provide and/or receive information/advice relevant to our plight."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-69)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, woodworking, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write occasionally to sisters in the NW who are patient with my slow responses."

GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-71)
6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicycling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my feminine self."

KRISTEN A. LANGLEY
(WA-P-M3560-K7441-68)
Member Emerald City. 35-year-old M-F pre-op TS. Participant Esprit '93. "Finally becoming 'Red' after far too many years. Interests: photography, cartooning, model railroading and *Star Trek*. I'm a hopeless romantic who has a great sense of humor, too!"

CASSANDRA OWENS
(WA-NP-M3868-K4261-70)
26, 5'6", 135, hetero CD. Attended Esprit '93 and Fall Harvest '93. "I find crossdressing to be a great escape from the pressures of the real world. Enjoy photography, fashion, and being accepted as real woman in public. I warn you, I am a terrible correspondent, but I will try."

LORRIE T. (WA-M4057-K7891-70)
MWM, smoker, 47, 5'7", 135. Interests: outdoors, animals, reading computers. Supportive wife. "I love all things feminine: lingerie, makeup, wigs, nails. Love to dress. Want to correspond and eventually dress with others in area who enjoy dressing one-on-one. I am new, nervous, and need help. Photo would be nice."

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-M3828-K1722-69)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

TESLA ELLYN S.
(WA-M4650-K10049-70)
"Hello, world! I'm just condensing from swirling, long-suppressed dreams. Have achieved consciousness, but have not yet begun to shine. Am interested in learning about you, and in hearing your story. Letters from all intelligent beings welcome. Please write if you can."

JESSIE H.
(WA-NP-M4668-K10333-70)
Member Ingersoll Gender Center. 42, lesbian, 5'11", 170, loves animals, doing art, toys, the beach, Ingersoll-esp. Lindsay, plan looking. "Want: M-F TGs, Femanine behaviors—sweet, gentle, Buddhists, Diversity honored, open minds, positive energy. Don't want: Masculine behaviors—Anger, Loud, bossy, hot-blooded racists, Sexist, rich, conformists, closed minds, negative energy."

ALASKA (995- 999-)

NORA JEAN YORK
(AK-P-M1425-K1744-70)
Founder Berdache Society, Identity,

Equal, Congress of Representatives. 1st Berdache Princess, Princess Imperial Court of all Alaska, Speak Out America, Alternative Medicine Advocates, Coronations '89, '90, '91, '92, '93. "Am finally enjoying being the woman I was meant to be. A friendly, happy TS in transition. Studying aroma therapy, herbalism, Goddess Worship and Wicca."

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-NP-M3314-K6591-71)
Member Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. supportive wife and grown and gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar and flute. "Spend all ny non-work time as a woman, and go out a lot. Love to communicate. Please write. Photo appreciated."

CANADA

CAROLYN A.
(CAN-M1087-K1770-68)
"I'm a still holding 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi-WMM CD, well educated professional with a sensuous, caring attitude and a sense of humor. I pass adequately and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with those having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."

ROBYN V.
(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-70)
Member of Toronto CDC, Gender Mosaic, Ottawa. Hetero TV, 48, married with family. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and motor yachting. "Robyn has found herself! She loves to shop and dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel takes her to New York, Ottawa, Toronto, and other cities. Maybe we can get together sometime. Photo appreciated."

STACEY M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-71)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "Consider myself a dresser, not cross. Stacey is an embellishment to my male role. I'm very open, public. Passing not an issue. Ability and decorum important. Use dressing for personal growth of self."

GABRIELLE P.
(ON CAN-M2918-K4997-69)
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-69)
Attended Fantasia Fair since '92. Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 40ish. Interested in computers, books, stockings, and high heels. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my hairless legs. Enjoyed travel to spend a week in P-town and emerging as Karen."

MICHELLE JOHNSON
(CAN-P-M3165-K1754-70)
"Enjoy fine dining, theatre, live musicals and doing anything mainstream. Feel completely 'right' in the female mode. Get out regularly day or night. Enjoyed Texas T and Esprit, but trip to Las Vegas with 3 friends was the best. 5'7", 52, 12, 40s. Tolerant spouse."

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-70)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN-NP-M3385-K6790-71)
Married, 29, very supportive wife, passable, love shopping as a female. "Love to write about my adventures in detail. Have written multiple part fantasy stories. Married 1990 en femme, with gown and ensemble. Love prom, bridesmaid and bridal fashions. Love to hear from sisters everywhere. Prompt response to all."

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN
(CAN-P-M3502-K7186-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93. W pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 175, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Shy. Seek long term relationship with F-M or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minn., Charlotte. Forming TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

ANGEL RICHARDS
(CAN-M3715-K8046-68)
Member of Cornbury Society. Single, 30, enjoys cooking, good friends and shopping. "I am an amateur artist and a twelve-stepper. Would like to hear from others, especially in my area."

CHERYL C.
(CAN-S. ONT-P-M4418-K0795-68)
STV, 30, with TS feelings, 5'9", 155. Interested in skiing, travel, fitness. "Would like to correspond and meet TV/TSs in USA and Canada for friendship and support, also females for long-term companionship. Love being feminine and would love to share it with others of a like mind."

KRISTEN M.
(CAN-M4431-K9674-69)
Member Illusions. Passable hetero, married CD, 35, 5'6", 150. Just out of the closet and very happy. Wife is supportive. "Am a very caring and committed person. Enjoy dressing completely. Want to correspond with other married CDs and couples who enjoy dressing together. No sex letters please. Will write back."

ROBYN MARIE LAYNE
(CANADA-P-M4455-K3419-69)
S, biTV, 30something, 5'7", 145. "Dressing since childhood, clean and sober ten years. Confused until recently discovering this wonderful community! Not passable yet, but hopeful. Many interests: femininity, writing, photography, music, sports. Seek correspondents sharing sup-

port, feelings, and emotional growth. Reserved, lonely, loyal friend. Please write, I'll answer!"

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-69)
Tall, slim, blue eyed brunette. Interests include art, intellectual development and social activism. "Have recently become empowered and enlightened by releasing the woman within me to grow and go forth in the world. I love the exquisitely soft and sensuous state of femininity."

LESLIE M.
(CAN-P-M4488-K9703-69)
Attended Dressing for Pleasure '89, '90, '91, in fashion show '90, '91. 40s, 5'9", 170, single. " Been to many clubs and events in Vancouver, NYC, England. Love skiing, world travel, girl talk, fashionable and exotic fashions. Fully comfortable with myself and being feminine.. Seek NON-smokers. Fairly passable."

JAYE-LEE H.
(CAN-M4534-K8582-69)
CD, 40, 6', 185. Open-minded, friendly, sense of humor, professional, university degrees. "Married with supportive wife. Love writing, photography, outdoors. Feel sexy and feminine when wearing sensual outfits. Wish to correspond, exchange photos, ideas with TV/TS/couples. Love to meet new friends who are imaginative, honest and share my lifestyle."

PAT E.
(CAN-M4564-K9891-69)
Divorced Dad, abused, attractive 34, sincere, honest, eccentric, 6', 169 hetero TV. "Seek friendship/contacts to rebuild life in western Canada. Attracted to Oriental women. Enjoy mechanics, swimming, photography, rural life and dressing up. Alternative arrangements (personal/business) considened!"

AIMÉE K.
(CAN-NP-M4718-K10433-70)
"A thousand blouses, hundreds of skirts, dresses, and what used to be called unmentionables. Older TV who likes buying almost as much as dressing would like to hear from other Tvs interested in trying on and/or acquiring some of the above."

MEXICO

ANGELA LOPEZ
(MEX-NP-M4462-K7626-68)
TS 38, 5'7", 155. "Just beginning transition, on hormones. Married, two children. Living as a male for awhile. Want to exchange opinions with other married TSs. Don't know how to handle my problem with wife and children. Trying to join/form a TV/TS group anywhere in Mexico for support. Am alone in Mexico."

BRAZIL

LUCY M.
(BRAZIL-M4560-K9889-69)
WSM (Hispanic), 5'7", 160, 28. Interested in shopping, travel, good conversation, honest people, lingerie and high heels. "Would like to make friendships with CD/TV/TS located anywhere. I have conditions and visa to go to USA/Europe."

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCOTLAND-P-M2791-K4526-68)
Founder of Grampion Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero TG, divorced, 62 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt*. A conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns, I pass well and go everywhere dressed. Love helping other genderists and hearing from sisters abroad."

KAREN BARCLAY
(ENG-P-M3191-K6155-70)
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interested in Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe cross-dressing sets you free. I also think you can get more from a dress and a kind word than you can from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

EUROPE

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GERMANY-P-M3050-K5626-69)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, ash blond hair, somewhat passable. Interested in photography, cooking, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling. "Attended 25th anniversary FPE-NE, EuroFantasia, Harmony Weekend. I like fine lingerie, elegant ladylike dresses, perfect makeup. Dressed up many times in public. Like to correspond with sisters in the USA."

EVA K.
(GERMANY-M3749-K8211-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, crossdressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."

AMANDA Q.
(GERMANY-P-M4252-K9420-68)
Member Rose's (Repartee). Attended EuroFantasia. 35, TV/TG, brown hair, brown eyes, married. Interested in art, music, feminine fashion, cooking. "Have just discovered a route out of my closet thanks to EuroFantasia. What a wonderful feeling freedom is! World, here I come! Sensitive, caring and very sincere person. Will answer all."

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUSTRIA-M2774-K4604-72)
Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

JENNY SAND
(NORWAY-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting

warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-69)
MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."

KYM AYRES
(AUS-NP-M4559-K9888-69)
Member Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 133, 10/12, 60, arts teacher, Bachelor Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Secretary/treasurer of Seahorse Society. Interested in arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting and supportive wife. "I enjoy going out crossdressed. Active in promoting education about gender issues. Would like to correspond with others."

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the registration fee. Rooms at the hotel will be $59 per night, single or double.

This conference is designed to help wives and partners develop self-esteem and deal with the issues in their gender-related relationships. Faculty for this year include: Dr. Peggy Rudd; Niela Miller; Sandra Cole; Jan Sandretti; Robert Priore, MD; Deloris Tyler Rois and Mariette Pathy Allen, as well as wives and partners who attended the 1993 SPICE. We encourage all women to attend, for it can and *will* change their lives. For more information, write:

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be an effective way of making a long-term change in people's attitudes about issues of gender. It is easier to teach a person the truth from the start than it is to convince them later on that what they have been taught is not true. So, the return for our effort is greater when the people we work with are younger. We need to strike a careful balance between a forward-looking education and acknowledgement of the legitimate concerns of parents for the well-being of their children. This means that we will be extremely careful to present a neutral viewpoint.

Dan Coulter, the Project Administrator at Harvard, is very interested in working with the transgender community on this project, both for its worthwhile cause, and for the opportunity for him to broaden his understanding.

IFGE is discussing with Dr. Lipkin the amount of funds needed to include transgender history and issues in this new curriculum, and how much of the project will be supported by federal grants. Once these issues have been resolved we will be reaching out to the community for funding on this crucial program.

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In a separate but related matter, Robert Barnett, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, designee of the Governor, ruled on March 15, 1994 in the matter of *Kristine W. Holt v. Northwest PA Training Partnership Consortium,* Governor's Docket no. 123311. In his discussion of the case, Mr. Barnett stated, "Holt's treatment was different from that of all other employees and that difference had nothing to do with her performance, attitude or abilities...neither the causes used to justify Holt's dismissal nor the unique restrictions applied to her were reasonable or appropriate in light of the circumstances. " The state found that NPTPC had violated the federal statutes under which they operated by disregarding their own merit-based personnel policies, and ordered Ms. Holt's reinstatement.

Ms. Holt, who represented herself in these actions, characterized the rulings as, "...ground-breaking." We have now established, under case law, the fact that transsexualism is a recognized medical condition, and that the standard course of treatment demands crossdressing on the job. The justification some employers have used to defend their discriminatory actions, that is, the dress code issue, has been eliminated. It can be argued that, in effect, a protected class of transsexual persons has been created in Pennsylvania.

As to the Order of the Department of Labor and Industry, Ms. Holt reports that Northwest Training has yet to comply with the order. "It is my understanding that they wish to appeal this administrative ruling to the Commonwealth Court. In this eventuality, I feel confident that the Court will affirm the Secretary's decision, and give further support to the creation of a protected class of transsexual persons."

A third action is being pursued with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, currently in the fact-finding stage. The intention is to establish in the private sector the same protections that have been realized in the public (i.e., government and sub-contractors) sector. These recent rulings give overwhelming support for the case set before the Commission.

In an effort to offset some of the expenses associated with these legal actions, a legal fund has been established: The Kristine W. Holt Legal Fund, c/o Northwest Savings Bank, 13th and Liberty Streets, Franklin PA 16323 USA.

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the Lambda Lounge of the GLCF. The Gender Conference is currently hosted by GAnnSmith and JanetA9456. To get to the Lambda Lounge, hold the Control (PC users, use Command key on Apples) button on your keyboard and hit the letter "k." This opens the "keyword" dialog box. Type GLCF in the box and hit "return." This will bring you to the main menu for the GLCF. This menu has several areas of interest to the Gender Community.

First is the Lambda Lounge button. Just click on it, and you will go into the conference room. Or, from the Main Menu, you may select Resource Files. A sub-menu will appear listing various "folders" of information. One of the folders, "Gender Issues" was lobbied for and obtained by our group as an "official" area for gender-related resource files. To enter the folder, just double click on its icon. You will then see a list of files. These files contain information on support groups, hormone use, crossdresser publications, digital pictures of AOL members as they wish to present themselves and many other topics. All of these files are downloadable just by double clicking on the file.

In this area you will find back issues of *The Subversive,* our Online Gender Newsmagazine. The Subversive contains editorials, personal stories by our members, a calendar of upcoming events, and useful information, including addresses of gender-related services. *The Subversive* is not just read

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"...what appeared to be a shoe-like mark on Ms. Brandon's back while she was at the hospital for treatment" and that, according to a statement made by Dr. Borg of the hospital where Brandon was examined, it was "'apparent' that there 'had been sexual penetration'"—penetration Brandon unequivocally stated was non-consensual.

Because we believe Brandon's civil rights were seriously compromised primarily due to ~~her~~ gender expression, ReCast has subsequently written to Charles B. Laux of the Sheriff's Office of Richardson County, Humboldt, Nebraska, expressing our alarm over such blatant disregard for Brandon's welfare and civil rights. Although it is not certain that Brandon was in fact a transsexual, it is nevertheless evident from the accounts presented in the media that ~~her~~ human rights were violated and neglected to such a degree that the two men who allegedly raped ~~her~~ felt no subsequent pressure from the authorities to refrain from further contact with ~~her.~~ Had the authorities initially acted in a responsible manner and investigated Brandon's allegations thoroughly, both ~~she~~ and two other innocent victims might still be alive today.

Ignorance of gender dysphoria, transsexualism and other diverse forms of gender expression is still to be expected, especially in small, traditionally conservative communities. Nevertheless, ignorance is no excuse for journalistic distortion and defamation, and judicial maltreatment that tolerates brutalization and circumvents justice to such a degree that social malcontents feel irreproachable.

The fact that, despite the community's knowledge of ~~her~~ gender incongruity, Brandon maintained friendships in Falls City speaks volumes of the benevolence of the people of this tiny town. The fact that ~~her~~ abuse and murder could quite possibly have been avoided had the authorities acted with compassion and regard for the dignity and worth of all people, regardless of their gender identity, also speaks volumes. And the fact that, instead of taking the opportunity to familiarize the public with the variety of gender expressions gaining prominence in our society today, journalists Burbach and Cordes chose rather to fan the flames of ignorance and prejudice, evinces a perilous condition we must all struggle to eradicate.

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LETTER FROM RECAST

January 19, 1994

Charles B. Laux
Sheriff's Office
Richardson County
Humboldt, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Laux:

ReCast Educational and Informational Network, Inc., an international support network for the female-to-male transsexual, wishes to respond to the handling of the case of Brandon Teena, who was recently raped and murdered in your county. We feel that this very unfortunate incident could have been prevented had you and your constituents known more about the condition commonly known as transsexualism in which a person may be born with a body that does not match the mind of the gender he identifies with. The scientific community has proposed that transsexualism may be caused by a flood of pre-natal hormones to the brain, thereby masculinizing the brain prior to birth. In some cases, the person (such as a female-to-male transsexual) may be born with a masculinized brain and a female body. In light of these circumstances, this would be considered a birth defect and has nothing to do with perversion, confusion, homosexuality or any other such condition.

We were outraged when the sheriff's department responded to the rape of Brandon by saying "she" could not be believed because "she" had told a lie about being a boy. Brandon was not "telling a lie," but was merely expressing how he really felt; in fact, he actually was a "boy" or a man in a female body. He may not have had access to a support organization such as ReCast, and may not have been able to afford hormone therapy and sex reassignment, which is the course of treatment that most transsexuals opt for in order to prevent tragic situations such as this one. To have set the men free after having raped Brandon was an extreme injustice that cost him his life. Please open your awareness and expand your knowledge about transsexualism and other conditions that you may not be familiar with so that this may be prevented in the future, and so that innocent lives may be saved.

You may request further information about this phenomenon by writing the address listed below. We are an international organization in contact with many people such as Brandon.

ReCast Educational and Informational Network, Inc.
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Dallas TX 75222-4001

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here on AOL, but is available on many different BBSs around the world, including Compuserve, Genie, Feminet, and three different servers on the Internet. Also available is *Galaxy's Rainbow,* a magazine with personal perspectives on gender issues, and other online publications for the community.

Back at the main menu for the GLCF, you will find a button for Heart to Heart. This is an area to post and respond to messages from other like-minded people. There is a crossdressers folder in that area specifically geared toward our community. In addition, by using keyword "exchange," you will find yourself in the Support Group area where there is a crossdresser's folder.

Efforts are now underway to assemble all the various services of the America Online Gender Group into a single-menu area all our own: a true Gender Forum. But, space is at a premium on AOL, and these things take time. Bear with us. From a small beginning we now have 350+ members, a weekly conference, a folder, a newsletter, and a mailing of the log. We are growing all the time and using our strength to build even better services for our members in the future.

So, welcome again, and thanks for being part of the fastest growing, most state-of-the-art gender community in the world - The America Online Gender Group!

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with the M2F spouses, but I couldn't relate with their unique issues. Finally, at the IFGE convention in Philadelphia, I met a wonderful woman who had been with her partner several years, a F2M! We talked and talked! She understood what I was saying because she had been through similar experiences with her spouse. I was grateful to have someone to share my hopes and fears.

Since that convention, I have met several pen pals from all over the country. All of us have one common thread, we are all partners, friends or family of a F2M. We are heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual, male and female. Some of us have children. All of us now have support and understanding from one another.

I would like to introduce you to a very special support group. Significant Other Support (SOS), for partners, friends and families of F2Ms. If you are a partner, friend or family member of a female-to-male transgendered or transsexual person, just write me at the address listed below. SOS works with a network of medical professionals, therapists and several F2M organizations throughout the country. Our forum is the newsletters from several distinguished gender organizations. The questions asked will be answered in a quarterly column in these publications. All personal information is strictly confidential. No names or addresses will be given out or published. If you feel alone and frustrated, write us! If you have a common bond and would like to be a part of SOS, write us! I hope you accept my invitation to become part of a special group of people. You should never feel alone when there are so many hands to hold.

Rebecca
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From me and Juliette (I think):
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21-22: Northland Weekend, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA
CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55418 USA

31-June 6: 14th Annual Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Provincetown, Massachusetts USA
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483 USA (617) 891-9325 (7-10pm Tuesdays EST)

JUNE, 1994

8-12: 12th Annual Be All, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA
Be All Weekend, P O Box 23442, Pittsburgh PA 15222

24 & 26: International Stonewall Ball, March two days later, New York, New York USA 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots
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JULY, 1994

6-10: Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE) (for partners of gender gifted males), Chicago, Illinois USA
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AUGUST, 1994

17-21: 3rd Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, TRANSGEN'94 Houston, Texas USA
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27: Luau III, Dinner and Entertainment, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania USA
Renaissance, LSVC, P O Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122 USA

SEPTEMBER, 1994

3: FTM Get-Together, Manchester University, ENGLAND
Stephen Whittle, 376 Upper Brook Street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND

3-4: GENDYS '94 Conference, Manchester University, ENGLAND
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28-October 2: 4th Annual Southern Comfort, Atlanta, Georgia USA
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OCTOBER, 1994

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28-30: Harmony Weekend, Scarborough, ENGLAND
Martine Rose, 29 Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND

NOVEMBER, 1994

17-20: Fall Harvest, Iowa City, Iowa USA
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FEBRUARY, 1995

: Full Circle of Women (for people living their lives as women), Essex, Massachusetts USA
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23-26: 7th Annual Texas T Party, San Antonio, Texas USA
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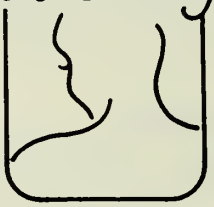

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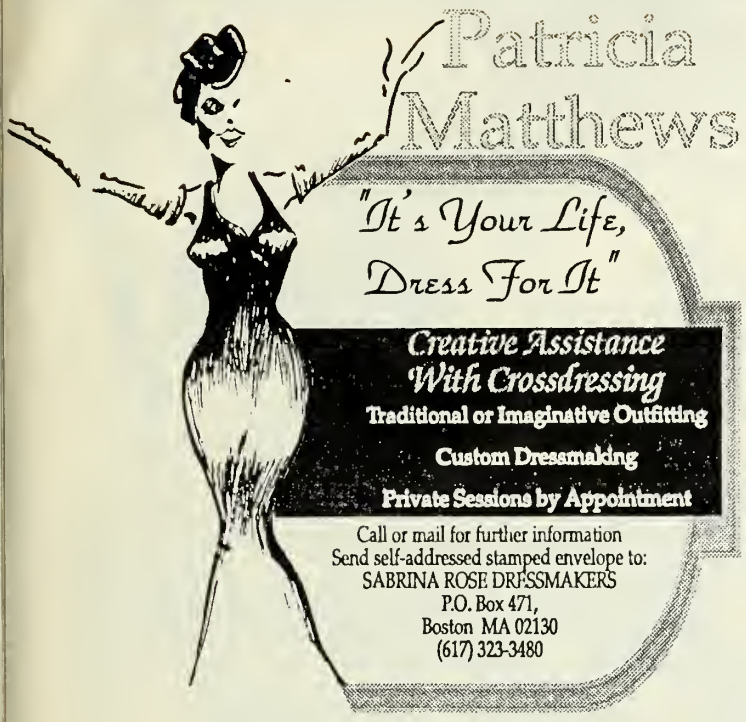

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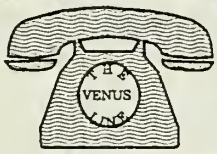

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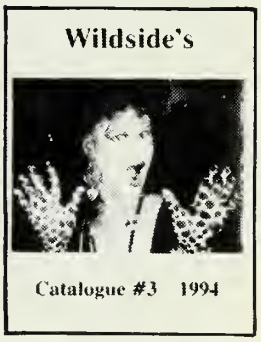

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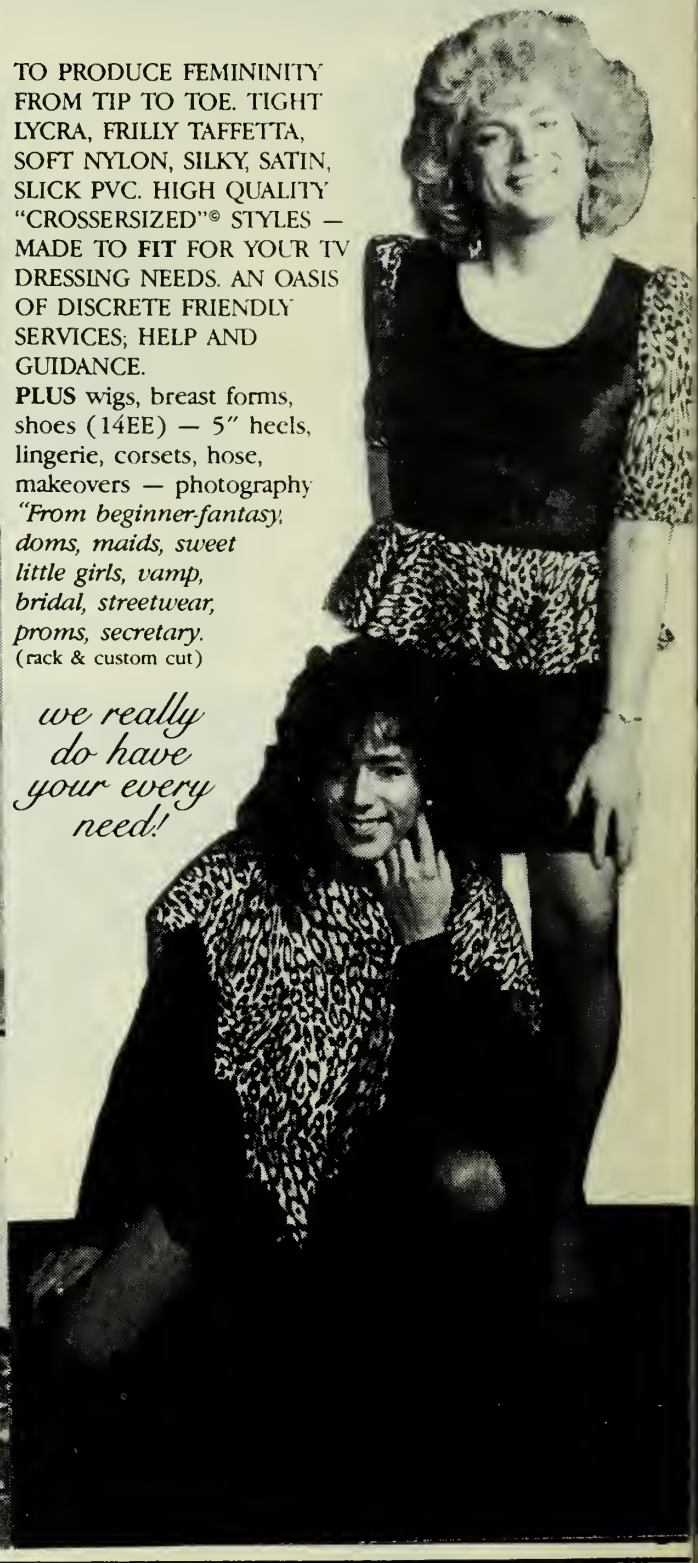

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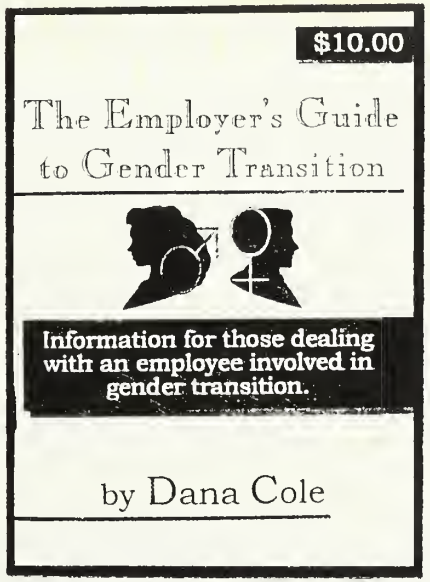

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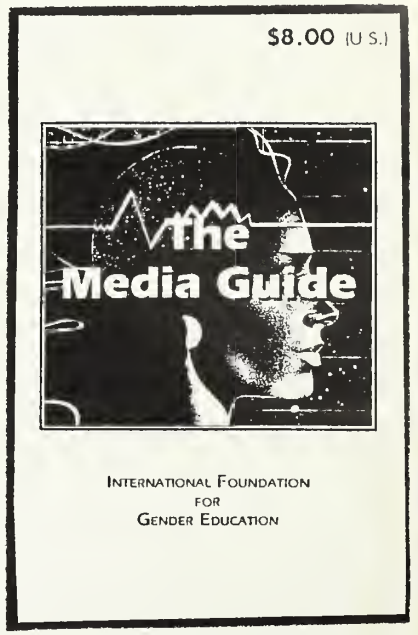

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